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By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR



The claim that Mr Blair had changed but Labour had not could no longer be sustained because of the success of the Labour leader's campaign to change Clause Four, a move which proved that he and his party were moving in roughly the same direction.

Finally the claim that Labour always produced bad government was rejected because

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A map of the South Atlantic Ocean region. Labels include: ARGENTINA, Falkland Is., South Georgia, South Sandwich Islands, Tierra del Fuego, South Shetland, Antarctic Peninsula, and a scale bar for 200 miles. Arrows point from the labels 'South Georgia' and 'South Sandwich Islands' to their respective island groups.

Sir Paul Marland, chairman of the Tory backbenchers' agriculture committee, said: "The French ... have done exactly what this report recommends. While we have been the honest broke throughout ... the French have covered it up. The Agriculture Commissioner instead of pointing his finger at us should start examining what we

BY JOANNA BALE

Now in the final eight, he follows Roger Taylor who was the last Briton to get so far defeating Bjorn Borg in the boycott year of 1973. Taylor, now competing in Wimbledon's over-45s doubles, then fell to the eventual champion, the Czech Jan Kodet.

Ranked 62 in the world against Gustafsson's 37, Henman will probably play the American No 13 seed, Todd Martin tomorrow if Martin beats another unseeded Swede, Thomas Johansson.

Their match, scheduled for

The Oxford solicitor's son catapulted into the limelight and won an army of fans last week with his victory, in his Centre Court debut, over the No. 5 seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov. He then beat fellow Britons Danny Sapsford and Luke Milligan.

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When the conductors tried to arrest the youths, they fled across a field, but were pursued and caught. Three youths were last night in the custody of Bedfordshire police and being interviewed by British Transport police.

Inspector Paul Wilson of

On June 22, an empty Ramsgate to Victoria train was ambushed at Swanley, Kent, and pelted with stones in what was described at the time as a Wild West-style attack.

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Law of jungle as MPs indulge in monkey business

Hidden from this sketchwriter's view, Paul Flynn (Lab, Newport W) staged not one but multiple arrivals in the Chamber yesterday. It was he who, hours earlier, had described the policies of his leader, Tony Blair, as "timid and anaemic".

His arrivals triggered strange and ambiguous body language in colleagues, some (I am told) shifting uneasily, faces twitching, others attempting frightened little pats to his shoulder or half-snuggles-up in his direction. Anthropologists studying such behaviour among ba-

boons would note this tangle of admiration and anxiety, concluding that we were witnessing tentative, early approaches to a junior ape who had dared challenge an unpopular but feared senior.

The small primate drama was played out against the background of Virginia Bottomley answering Heritage Questions. The apes were fawning on (or teasing) an influential lady baboon.

Among baboons an esteemed and beautiful female knows she is attractive to the troop and signals this in all kinds of small ways. She develops a self-confidence and



MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

poise and may indulge — for display only — in the faintest hints of coquettish behaviour. Even if she is in a permanent partnership with another baboon (in this case, Mr Peter Bottomley) she can be playful towards rival males.

Roger Gale (C, N Thanet) was sure the Heritage Secretary could help promote tourism in Kent. It would have been inappropriate for Mrs Bottomley to lollop across to

Mr Gale's bench and pick fleas from his thinning hair, so she flashed him a smile and told him how much everyone loved seaside holidays, especially in Margate. Mr Gale was in raptures. The pair looked ready to scamper off to the beach together with buckets and spades.

Tony Banks (Lab, Newham NW), the joker of the baboon pack, his rude capers much admired among apes, would

ideally have wished to show his blue bottom. Instead he threw her the rotten fruit of a hostile question, gibbering derisively. A cross Mrs B gibbered back.

John Cunningham, Shadow Heritage Secretary, is a self-grooming ape who walks tall. Swinging from his seat he asked a would-be one-of-the-lads question about "soccer".

Later, Tam Dalyell (Lab, Linlithgow) spoke. I once read about a rogue baboon who grew morose. He left the troop and sat permanently on a submerged rock in the middle of a lake. Mr Dalyell asked Gary Streeter (the youth field-

no notice of what she says. Then Robert MacLennan (Lib Dem, Caithness & Sutherland) rose. This sage but lonely baboon, isolated in his wisdom, quoted Voltaire without attribution. The troop scratched their heads. When you are part of an ape-pack it is no good quoting Voltaire, something Mr MacLennan will probably never learn.

Later, Tam Dalyell (Lab, Linlithgow) spoke. I once read about a rogue baboon who grew morose. He left the troop and sat permanently on a submerged rock in the middle of a lake. Mr Dalyell asked Gary Streeter (the youth field-

ing inquiries to the Lord Chancellor's Department) whether the trial of the Lockerbie suspects might be carried out in South Africa under the auspices of "Mr Nzozi".

South Africa's Foreign Minister is Mr Nzo. But Dalyell's solemnity is too vast for a word of such undignified brevity. With a roll of Tamam's tongue it became Nzozi. Dalyell may be the librettist of *Wake me up before you go go*. Doubtless Nzo means something noble in Xhosa: buffalo, perhaps. Let us hope Nzozi does not mean buffalo-dropping.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lords vote for curbs on asylum seekers

The Government last night narrowly won in the House of Lords a vote to reinstate curbs on welfare benefits to asylum seekers, ruled illegal last month by the Appeal Court.

After frantic whipping of its Tory Peers, the Government won an amendment overturning the Appeal Court ruling by 13 votes. But they were defeated by Peers on the issue of giving asylum seekers an extra three days to claim refugee status on arrival in Britain.

Lord Russell, the Liberal Democrat spokesman for social security, said: "This still does not make the government proposals acceptable. It just cuts a few bars from the prison windows."

Drummer guilty

A loyalist bandsman was found guilty at Londonderry Magistrates' Court of playing his drum with intent to cause a breach of the peace during last year's Apprentice Boys parade. In the first case of its kind, Steven Frederick Dawson, a 26-year-old joiner from Portadown, Co Armagh, was given a two-year conditional discharge. He is to appeal.

Judicial first

Sheriff Hazel Aronson, QC, will be installed as Scotland's first full-time woman judge in a ceremony in the supreme courts in Edinburgh on July 12 before a bench of male judges. She will be addressed in court as Lady Aronson. Sheriff Aronson, 50, who is married to a dentist, will replace Lord Davidson, retiring in the autumn.

Victim's baby

Melanie Russell, 23, who was thrown against a traffic bollard by the IRA bomb in Manchester two weeks ago, has given birth to a healthy girl. Kay-Leigh Roseanne Russell was delivered by Caesarian section 10 days early on Friday at Fairfield Hospital in Bury. Ms Russell, of Heywood, was badly bruised in the explosion.

Woman gets life

Samantha Powell, 18, who had a grudge against the police was jailed for life at Worcester Crown Court for deliberately stabbing two officers. She was carrying a knife and an axe. Evidenced from her Leominster flat for playing loud music, she wrecked the flat, threw a television into the street and smashed five shop windows.

Judging judges

The training of judges is to be boosted with more funding and greater powers for the Judicial Studies Board. The Lord Chancellor said the Board was being given greater autonomy in organisation of training, and responsibility for planning and financial control. An ethnic-awareness programme has just been completed.

Venables picked

Terry Venables, the outgoing England football coach, is a new entry in *International Who's Who*, but while there is also room for the Gallagher brothers from Oasis, the Duchess of York is a notable absentee. Richard Fitzwilliams, the editor, said: "We don't think the Duchess of York has achieved much."

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Blair takes Catholic Communion but denies conversion

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR, a practising Anglican, has received Communion in a Roman Catholic church, fuelling speculation in Catholic circles that he might wish to convert. According to *The Universe*, a weekly Catholic newspaper, it is an open secret among priests that the Labour leader has received the Communion, even though this is generally barred to non-adherents.

Mr Blair's wife, Cherie, is a Catholic and his son Euan has been brought up in the faith. Catholic traditionalists are reluctant to criticise the Labour leader but suggest it is "unwise" for someone in his position to break church rules.

Mr Blair's office last night strongly denied any suggestion that he might be on the brink of conversion. A spokeswoman confirmed that he had received Communion at a Catholic church but said he would refrain in future "if it causes a problem for the church". A Downing Street spokesman said no Catholic had yet served as Prime Minister, although there was no constitutional reason why not.

The Communions are thought to have been at the church of St Joan of Arc in Highbury, north London, where Mr Blair attends Mass regularly with his wife and

family. His son Euan is an altar server.

Under current church practice, only Catholics in a state of grace are allowed to receive the host, which they believe to be the body of Jesus Christ. Exceptions are made at the marriage ceremony of a Catholic to a non-Catholic, where no Catholic priest is available. Non-Catholics who attend Catholic Mass can be invited to receive a blessing.

Most Protestants do not believe in "transubstantiation" — that the substance of the bread and wine are converted to the body and blood of Christ during the eucharist. Instead, they believe the bread and wine are merely symbolic.

Mr Thomas Egan, a priest at St Joan of Arc, declined to comment, saying: "We do not discuss who comes to Mass here, who is married here, who is buried here."

According to *The Universe*, one church official who is aware of the situation, but declined to be named because of its sensitivity, said some priests had turned a blind eye because they did not want to refuse Communion to a figure of authority. The official said: "I believe there is a huge contradiction in allowing Tony Blair to receive Communion but barring divorced and remarried Catholics. Receiving Communion without becoming a Catholic is a cowardly thing to do."

Labour Party policies 'timid and anaemic'

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR came under fresh criticism from Labour MPs yesterday for his allegedly dictatorial style of leadership as he prepared to ask the party's ruling body today to endorse his draft election manifesto.

The leftwinger Paul Flynn unleashed a new broadside, accused the party of producing "timid and anaemic" policies, while another Welsh MP, Llew Smith, warned that "all hell will break loose" if Labour

pushed ahead with powers to block troublesome MPs from being re-elected.

Mr Flynn warned the Labour leader that he was not "omnipotent" and accused him of behaving in a manner inconsistent with the leadership of a democratic party. "We are producing (policy) documents which are timid and anaemic, that don't rejoice in the achievements of the Labour Party," he told BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme.

Heritage groups urge Bottomley to save Becket casket for the nation

By DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

HERITAGE groups urged Virginia Bottomley yesterday to use her powers of intervention to save the Thomas à Becket casket for the nation.

With only days before the 1190s casket comes to auction at Sotheby's, medievalists and clergymen are appealing for the Heritage Secretary to delay its possible export. The reliquary, or chalice, bears unparalleled Limoges enamelling and depicts Becket's murder. It may have contained one of his bones, a fragment of his clothing or a lock of his hair.

Leading art figures pointed out that Mrs Bottomley has the power to intervene, although there is no precedent of any minister having exercised it. An export licence is not required for an

object that has already been out of the country: the casket was in a German collection before it returned to Britain, bought in 1979 by the British Rail Pension Fund, which lent it to the British Museum.

A spokesman for the heritage department said confirmed that Mrs Bottomley could intervene. The Secretary of State could defer a decision whether or not a licence is needed because the export licensing system is based on the discretion of the Secretary of State, he said. "But the system operates under normal expectations and precedents which the Secretary of State would have to take into account in considering such a proposition."

One source, who said that Mrs Bottomley has been fully

briefed on the matter, said: "This will not be an easy decision for her, but then a politician is appointed Secretary of State to take difficult decisions. It's not just a matter of going to gala openings."

The Victoria and Albert Museum's hopes of making a private treaty offer were dashed yesterday as it was unable to raise enough money. A delay would give the museum more time to match the price it fetches at auction on Thursday. It is estimated at £15 million but is widely expected to sell for a far higher sum.

It was disclosed yesterday that the V&A plans to offer £22 million. The heritage lottery fund has promised 75 per cent of that figure and

£100,000 has been promised by the National Art Collections Fund (NACF), Britain's biggest art charity.

Campaigners appealed to other possible buyers. David Barrie, director of the NACF, said: "It's extremely frustrating that the private treaty option is now closed to the V&A, and that the chase is going to auction. All we can hope is that the other interested parties may see the virtue of letting the chase stay in this country and refrain from bidding."

He added: "The V&A still have some way to go in their fund-raising efforts, and we are doing everything we can to drum up support for their bid."

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The Princess of Wales leaving the Harbour fitness club in Chelsea yesterday morning on her 35th birthday. The Princess spent the day quietly with Prince William, 13, at Kensington Palace

Rifkind rallies to Portillo's defence

By ANDREW PIERCE

SENIOR Cabinet ministers rallied to the defence of Michael Portillo yesterday as he warned his critics in the Tory Party against playing politics over the sale of the Armed Forces married quarters.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, intervened in the growing controversy for the first time to make clear that he had supported the proposal to sell the estate when Defence Secretary.

Labour signalled that it was prepared to force a Commons vote on the sale by holding an Opposition day debate next week. At least one Tory rebel, Julian Brazier, said he would vote against the Government if there were no significant concessions.

Mr Portillo, angered by reports that John Redwood's supporters have fanned the flames of rebellion to try to damage his leadership prospects, went on the attack. He told MPs not to turn the issue into a clash of personalities. "My only concern is the issue and to get the policy exactly right and I hope everybody else is concerned about the same thing," he told BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme.

Service families would be given a "suitable" alternative property but he admitted there was no guarantee that they could retain their present homes. "It really is a normal part of service life that people move around," he said.

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Howe and Hurd attack 'prejudiced' approach of Euro-sceptics

By ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS HURD and Lord Howe of Aberavon yesterday accused Tory Euro-sceptics of poisoning the atmosphere of debate on Europe.

At the launch of a Conservative Group for Europe pamphlet by Ray Whitney, of the Positive European Group of Tory MPs, the former foreign secretary expressed dismay that the Euro-sceptics had been allowed to seize the headlines. Their intervention came on the day it was reported that Michael Howard was to argue for the deletion of part of the Maastricht treaty, to repatriate certain powers from Brussels.

Mr Hurd warned the Home Secretary against trying to demolish the supra-national parts of the European structure. "You need supra-national organisations if you are to have an effective single market in which people don't cheat."

Mr Hurd was saddened that Britain's European partners were "treated as enemies and conspirators against us". He supported the Government's White Paper on Europe, but the proposals were "not making much impact in Europe because they seem to come from a background of poisonous and prejudiced debate."

Lord Howe said: "It's the curmudgeonly tendency — as though we're always heading for the exit — which so often diminishes the effectiveness of our interventions."

Howard appeals against Bulger killers jail ruling

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Home Secretary increased the minimum sentence to be served by the two boys convicted of killing James Bulger because it was an "exceptionally cruel and sadistic" crime, the Appeal Court was told yesterday.

The Home Secretary decided the appropriate term was 15 rather than ten years after studying details of the case and because of the need to maintain public confidence in the criminal justice system.

In his letters to solicitors acting for both boys, Mr Howard said he had taken fully into account the fact that they had both been only ten years old when they killed the toddler. In the letters Mr Howard conceded that a much lesser minimum sentence should apply to them

than in the case of an adult. Mr Howard began an appeal against a High Court ruling that he acted unlawfully in setting a minimum sentence of 15 years for Robert Thompson and Jon Venables, convicted of killing James, aged 2, at Bootle on Merseyside. The trial judge recommended a minimum term of eight years for "retribution and deterrence" which was increased to ten years by Lord Taylor of Gossforth, the former Lord Chief Justice.

David Pannick, QC, for the Home Secretary said Mr Howard had decided to increase the sentence because he took the view that "this was an exceptionally cruel and sadistic offence against a very young and defenceless victim committed over a period of several hours". He said the the

lower court had erred in law in ruling that Mr Howard had acted unlawfully in increasing the minimum term.

It had failed to recognise that Parliament had deliberately given a broad discretion to the Home Secretary to decide on policies for the release of young offenders convicted of murder.

"Parliament deliberately so decided because it thought that the Home Secretary, answerable to Parliament, answerable to the electorate, is the appropriate person to decide what will best promote public confidence in the administration of the criminal justice system," Mr Pannick told the judges, headed by Lord Justice Woolf, Master of the Rolls.

The hearing continues.

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Bride wore peach tulle, the groom and their four-month-old son Regan knee-length frock coats

Gascoigne puts on Hello! style for match of the day

By CAROL MIDDLETON

HE COULD certainly afford the carriage — nine stretch limousines, to be precise — but whether Paul Gascoigne's wealth bought him a stylish marriage was open to debate.

In a ceremony that was more Hollywood than Hertfordshire, the England football star married his girlfriend Sheryl Failes yesterday with characteristic glitz, bolstered by a £150,000 contract with *Hello!* magazine.

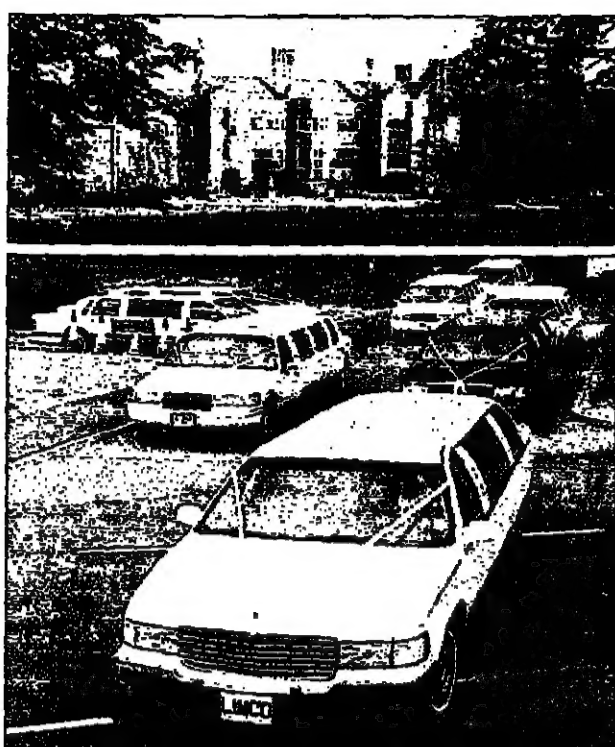
Security alone cost more than £15,000 at the historic Hanbury Manor hotel and country club, near Ware. Thirty-five traffic policemen manned the surrounding roads. Security guards with walkie-talkies patrolled every entrance to the hotel's 200-acre estate, but that did not stop rival photographers circling overhead in helicopters.

Gascoigne, 29, arrived at noon, two hours before the civil ceremony, drinking champagne in the back of a white stretch limo. He lowered the window, raised his glass and grinned at some of the fans who had turned out at the hotel gates, waving a collection of Gazza flags.

Once inside he changed into a knee-length gold embroidered frock coat, designed by Favourbrook of Piccadilly, to marry Ms Failes, who wore a peach tulle dress featuring a boned bodice with hand-beaded French lace by Isabel Kristensen. The couple's four-month-old son Regan wore an



Gascoigne invited many of the England team to the Hanbury Manor hotel and country club, where he and the guests were delivered by a fleet of limousines



served in the former chapel. Poles Hall. Guests ate carpaccio of smoked chicken, Scottish salmon and asparagus and mille-feuille with summer berries. The occasion was toasted in vintage champagne.

The best man was not, as expected, Gascoigne's best friend, Jimmy "Five Bellies" Gardiner. Instead, apparently at the request of Ms Failes, Gascoigne's brother, Carl, stood by him and the Radio 1 disc jockey and TV presenter, Chris Evans, provided music and commentary for the evening's celebrations.

Evans had revealed earlier, during his *Breakfast Show*, that the 30-year-old bride had requested *Unchained Melody* by the Righteous Brothers as her dedication to her new husband. Gascoigne chose *Have I Told You Lately I Love You*, by Van Morrison, for his new bride.

Gascoigne had not played host to a riotous party on Sunday night. Instead, he and a few friends, including his mother Carol, enjoyed a few drinks at the nearby Swallow Hotel while watching the final of Euro 96. Gascoigne retired at the uncharacteristically early hour of 1am but showed a flash of his errant self by coming down to breakfast naked except for a small towel.

Mrs Gascoigne gave her son a 44-piece canteen of silver cutlery and goblets, bought from Gateshead's Metro shopping centre.

Hanbury Manor, a Jacobean-style mansion built in 1890



Sheryl Failes leaving her home in Hertfordshire yesterday with her son Regan

for Edmund and Amy Hanbury, had spent days preparing for the wedding. A press release headed "Match of the Day" stated: "The England soccer star Paul Gascoigne wed his long-term girlfriend Sheryl Failes in a glittering ceremony... yesterday. Both members of Hanbury Manor's golf and leisure club, Sheryl and Paul's intimate wedding ceremony

took place at 2pm in the hotel's Zodiac suite. The cake and floral display was designed by Stephen Woodhams of London.

Outside the hotel gates Gascoigne's fans were undaunted by the intermittent rain and hailstones. Tracey Kenny, 33, said her son Ashley attended the same school as Bianca Jade. When Ashley had been forced to spend time in hospital

Gascoigne had sent a framed signed autograph of himself.

"He's a lovely, lovely man no matter what they write about him," she said. "He's a diamond and I hope him and Sheryl are very happy because he deserves it. People say it won't last but you wait and see, it will."

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Guests are welcome at 'contract' wedding, but not their cameras

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

THE £150,000 the Gascoignes are reported to have received from *Hello!* for exclusive pictures of their wedding will amply cover the £100,000 cost of the reception. But it may not compensate the 150 guests who, under the magazine's strict buy-up rules, were unable to photograph the happy couple and had their movements stage-managed by the magazine throughout the course of the day.

Contracts for a *Hello!* wedding or christening are drawn up with military precision, with an eye to

the best exclusive — and they are nearly always exclusive — photo opportunities. Guests may find that their cameras are unwelcome. In the case of yesterday's wedding, hotel staff were even forbidden to release details of the menu.

None of these prickly details is likely to bother Gascoigne, who can rest assured that the social barometer of *Hello!*'s payment scheme places him among minor aristocracy and ageing rock stars. In *Hello!* currency, Gazza is double a Raine Spencer (£70,000 for her wedding album) and half as much again as Marina Mowatt

(£100,000 for the baptism of her children). He even merits double a Rod Stewart, who only received a reported £70,000 when he reaffirmed his wedding vows to the model Rachel Hunter in January.

Mandy Smith, the 25-year-old model who, with two *Hello!* wedding spreads in her portfolio is no stranger to the glossy, said the magazine is wary because people so often try to spoil its exclusive agreements. The wedding of Ms Smith to the former Rolling Stone Bill Wyman and the footballer Pat van den Hauwe featured in the magazine, written up by the Inter-

national editor, the Marquessa de Varela.

"At my wedding to Pat, somebody took pictures during the ceremony, left early and then sold them to the *News of the World* the same day," she said. "They went into that Sunday's paper. I actually got handed a copy of it, with all the pictures, at the reception that evening. Obviously, *Hello!* weren't very pleased because it meant their pictures weren't exclusive any more. I think that's why they're much stricter now."

The contract is negotiated to secure the best interests of both

parties. "I dealt with the marquessa. Basically, she starts by telling you what the magazine wants and you tell them what you want and then you try and work out a happy medium to specify what kind of pictures they will take. For my wedding to Pat, they wanted pictures of me getting ready in the house. Not everyone would want that and it would have to be a point of negotiation. They don't want to push you, they just want your co-operation," Ms Smith said.

The wedding photographer is usually provided by *Hello!* "Obviously, they like to use the people

they know, but I could choose who I wanted as long as they approved it," she added.

Over at *Hello!*, whose parent company is the Spanish Hola SA, (proprietor Eduardo Sanchez Junco), interviews with the press are as tightly controlled as their own deals. A request for a chat about *Hello!* buy-ups met with a terse: "You'd have to write in with a written request for that. And actually we don't comment on these sort of things anyway — you should know that by now."

In return for exposing their intimate moments to the scrutiny

of the 494,000 readers who buy the magazine every week, the Gascoignes can guarantee short paragraphs of glowing prose.

"The thing is, they're not going to be tactless with you either before the event or afterwards, because if they get on with you they'll want to follow things up with the birth of your child and the christening," Ms Smith said.

Indeed, if there's one thing the *Hello!* team like more than a wedding, it's a baby. Next, surely: "At Home With Paul Gascoigne, His Lovely Wife Sheryl And Their Baby Son Regan."

RAF pilot 'couldn't resist Boy's Own leap from plane'

By MICHAEL EVANS

AN RAF pilot could not resist joining SAS troops in a freefall parachute jump over Zimbabwe, a court martial was told yesterday. He allegedly leapt with them from his Hercules aircraft, leaving his co-pilot to fend for himself.

Flight Lieutenant Richard Bywater was accused of breaching RAF rules that the Hercules should carry five crew members at all times. The court martial at RAF Lyneham, Wiltshire, was told that he and three other crew members took turns to jump with SAS troops.

However, when he jumped from the Hercules he left behind a pilot who was not authorised to fly the aircraft on his own. The plane was carrying eight civilians.

Flight Lieutenant Bywater, 34, admitted abandoning the aircraft but denied acting wrongly and claimed he believed he had the authority to leave the plane.

Group Captain Richard Charles, for the prosecution, said Flight Lieutenant Bywater was flying from a rough airstrip about 26 miles north-



Bywater: believed he had authority to jump

west of Harare in June last year. After weeks of watching the SAS practising, the crew could not resist joining them. Group Captain Charles said: "At the end of the exercise, there was a two-hour period of *Boy's Own* self-indulgence."

"There was no mention in the flight plan of accelerated freefall parachuting by the air crew. Nor was there any indication in forms filled in later that any of the crew had left the aircraft. "Flight Lie-

utenant Bywater knew what he was doing was wrong and covered his tracks," he said.

The court martial was told that Flight Lieutenant Bywater allowed his co-pilot Flight Lieutenant Stephen Mason, the loadmaster Sergeant David Thompson and flight engineer Sergeant Nigel Painter, take turns jumping with the SAS soldiers. He then strapped on his own parachute and joined in a freefall jump.

Group Captain Charles said Flight Lieutenant Bywater denied that his crew were involved when senior officers questioned him over rumours when he returned home. "When interviewed by RAF police, Bywater said he wanted a better understanding of the pressures on special forces. He also claimed that this was an established practice over many years and that he believed his powers of self-authorisation allowed him to carry out these activities."

Flight Lieutenant Bywater, who has been grounded since the incident, joined the RAF in 1984 and had flown Hercules aircraft since 1987. The court martial continues today.

Young bride among wadi victims

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A BRIDE of only eight months was among the five British expatriates who drowned when a flash flood engulfed an expedition to a wadi in Oman, it emerged yesterday. Karen Salt, 25, was swept away as her husband James helped to save the lives of four others.

Eight of the group of 26 were killed when the 600ft-deep gorge flooded on Friday. Mr Salt, from Barnsley, was trapped for 11 hours after trying to rescue his wife.

British expatriates Andy Deller, 34, Bill Love, 28, and Julian Whippy were also killed. The fifth British victim had not been named last night. The British Embassy also named an Irish woman, Geraldine Power, among the dead. Mr Deller and Mr Love, from Glasgow, were helping to secure an injured British woman, Sally Whitmore, 28, to a rock when they were swept away.

Two US airmen, Captain Scott Swanson, of Minnesota, and Senior Airman Zane R. May, of Arkansas, were also killed in the gorge.

Pigeon thief loses battle of Trafalgar

By A STAFF REPORTER

A TEENAGER who tried to make money by stealing pigeons from Trafalgar Square was fined £475 yesterday, as a magistrate said the birds were part of London's character.

The court at Bow Street, central London, was told that 19-year-old Jason Lidbury had regarded the birds as vermin and did not think he was doing anything wrong. He was challenged by a pigeon-food seller as he lured the birds into a box for resale to his uncle, who bred racing pigeons.

Lidbury, unemployed, of Stockwell, south London, admitted six summonses brought by the RSPCA under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. He was fined £100 for being in Trafalgar Square on March 5 this year with intent to take wild birds and £75 on

each of five summonses, including possessing wild birds for sale and having wild birds in his control.

Ronald Bartle, the magistrate, said: "It is right to say these pigeons are not any old pigeons but are there to bring character to the area, and are there for the entertainment and amusement of visitors and tourists to London."

Andrew Wiles, for the prosecution, said that Bernard Rayner, a licensed pigeon-food seller, saw Lidbury taking birds on a number of occasions. "He saw the man position a box and put food in front of it. When the pigeons came, he took hold of them and put them in the box. He estimated 40 or so birds would be in the box at one time. He remonstrated with the defendant but the defen-



Lidbury: lured birds

dant indicated he would not stop. At one stage, Mr Rayner released some birds."

When arrested, Lidbury told police he was taking them to his uncle, to see if they were suitable for breeding.

Peter Caldwell, for Lidbury, said: "Mr Lidbury was seen on five occasions and, on his account, the number of birds in the box never exceeded 25. His uncle would pay 20p a bird. His view was these animals were vermin. He did not think he was doing anything wrong."

He had made about £20 from the deals. "He recognises, whatever he thinks of the birds, that they do add character to London and what he did was selfish. It was out of character."

Lidbury was ordered to pay £150 costs and bound over for a year in the sum of £500. After the case, Ian Gough, an RSPCA inspector said: "Pigeons are not vermin. They are a pest species but protected like any other bird. If we lost all the pigeons in Trafalgar Square, you would lose something very special."

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L-drivers face new obstacle as theory test makes debut

By JONATHAN PRYNN AND KYLE SMITH

LEARNER drivers faced the extra burden of a written examination for the first time yesterday. More than 3,500 candidates filed into test centres throughout the country to answer 35 multiple-choice questions on subjects ranging from how to drive over a speed hump to emergency first aid at an accident.

The Government said the theory paper, the biggest change to the driving test since it was introduced in 1935, would improve hazard awareness and help to reduce accidents involving young drivers.

However, the British School of Motoring condemned the changes as a wasted opportunity and called for interactive tests on computer screen. "It used pencil and paper technology to crack a computer-age problem," Richard Glover, the managing director, said.

Many of the candidates emerging from tests said they found the questions surprisingly easy and needed only 15

or 20 minutes of the 40 allowed for the tests.

Ama Ampaw, 29, who sat her theory test at Vauxhall, south London, said: "I don't see why I had to do the test. Having the normal driving test and the talk at the end would be sufficient. I think having to pay an extra £15 is outrageous. It's already £28 for the other test."

At a centre in Ilford, north-east London, candidates complained about long delays before being given test dates and resented having to wait five working days before receiving their results.

"Why couldn't they let us know straight away?" Karen Harounoff, 41, said. "My husband has multiple sclerosis so I really need to know how to drive." Mrs Harounoff said she had first applied to sit the exam in March, but all places were booked until June.

Mette Jorgensen, 18, a Danish au pair, said she getting a

driving licence in England because the process cost about half the £1,000 people typically paid at home.

Few thought they had failed although some confessed to the odd mistake. Olga Galto, 29, a systems manager at Harrods, said she had wrongly answered a question about the significance of a flashing green light. "I put that it was an ambulance and of course it is a doctor's car," she said. "I sometimes had difficulty with the meaning of the words because I am Italian," she added.

The questions are drawn from a bank of 600 which are published, with the answers, by the Government's Driving Standards Agency in a book costing £9.99. Candidates must correctly answer at least 26 of the 35 questions. A further 8,247 candidates are booked in to take their test today.

Until January 1, learners can take the practical test first.



Learner drivers sitting their theory test at a centre in Vauxhall, south London, yesterday

From then on they will have to pass the written test before entry to the road test.

The papers are published in eight languages in addition to English, ranging from Welsh to Punjabi. Candidates who speak other languages can bring translators with them and candidates with dyslexia or learning difficulties can arrange to have the questions read out to them. Steven

Norris, the Transport Minister, said the tests were "very deliberately not an IQ test, not an English test and not an A level". They were simply a reassurance that drivers were familiar with aspects of driving beyond "whether they can control the gears and the brakes".

The test results would be carefully monitored over the next two years to see if they

contributed to improved road safety, he said.

Bernard Herdan, the chief executive of the Driving Standards Agency, said he expected more sophisticated interactive tests using video and CD-Rom technology would replace the written tests within five years. Written points had been installed at most of the theory test centres for installing terminals, he said.

Ireland pays silent tribute to slain reporter

By NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

TENS of thousands of people throughout Ireland observed a minute's silence yesterday in memory of Veronica Guerin, the award-winning journalist who was murdered last week, apparently on the orders of Dublin criminals whose activities she had been investigating for several years.

Buses, cars and cyclists came to a halt at 1pm as people expressed their revulsion at the murder of Ms Guerin, who was shot dead in her car on the outskirts of Dublin last Wednesday. Irish radio and television programmes were suspended for the tribute.

A crowd of people stood still during the minute's silence outside Leinster House, the Irish parliament building in Dublin, where well-wishers have left hundreds of bouquets since Ms Guerin's death.

One card, which was attached to the gates, summed up the widespread public anger at the Government's failure to deal with the growing threat from the Dublin underworld. It said simply: "Politicians. Your negligence is Veronica's death."

The minute's silence, which was proposed by the National Union of Journalists in Ireland, was supported by trades unionists across Britain.

The massive show of sympathy for Ms Guerin came as the Irish Government agreed to accept a proposal from Fianna Fail, the main opposition party, which would freeze the assets of suspected drugs

dealers. The Fianna Fail Bill would allow courts to accept the word of a senior police officer or a revenue officer that assets had been illegally earned and should be frozen for up to five years.

Nora Owen, the Justice Minister, said that the Bill needed re-writing, but she indicated that ministers would accept the Bill in Government time.

The Government's decision to accept the Bill dampened the intense criticism levelled at ministers by the opposition since the murder of Ms Guerin. The opposition parties have accused the Government of failing to tackle the law-and-order crisis.

They also dismissed as "too little, too late" a series of proposals announced last Friday which included plans to hold a referendum to tighten the bail laws and plans to curtail the right to silence of suspected drugs smugglers.

Dick Spring, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday underlined the Government's determination to tackle the crime wave. He said: "We have got to make sure we fight fire with fire in relation to the serious threat that exists in this country at the present time."

Ministers are expected to announce a £45 million anti-crime package. This will include the construction of a new prison, the recruitment of more police and the creation of a new detective unit to curb the drugs godfathers.

Dublin man seeks to stop last article

By AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A DUBLIN man with a criminal record is seeking an injunction to stop an Irish newspaper publishing the last article by Veronica Guerin, the journalist who was murdered last week, which portrays him as a heroin dealer.

John Traynor, 48, said he would be killed by vigilantes or the IRA if the *Sunday Independent* published the article.

Mr Traynor was not in the High Court yesterday but his counsel, Adrian Hardiman, presented an affidavit denying that his client had any involvement in drugs. Mr Traynor had previously been jailed for possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life and for receiving stolen goods. He now trades in motor cars.

He and Ms Guerin had met frequently since autumn 1994. "If I demurred at her suggestions, or even suggested a postponement, she informs me that it is in my best interest

to attend and that she is contemplating some form of publication about me," Mr Traynor said.

According to the affidavit, Ms Guerin contacted him last month to say she was going to write a major story claiming that Mr Traynor was "mixed up" with heroin dealers.

According to the affidavit, at later meetings she said she was going to write that Mr Traynor was involved in hashish or possibly Ecstasy. It stated that Ms Guerin had said she was under pressure from her editor to write the story.

Independent Newspapers declined to submit affidavits and its counsel, Eoin McCullough, said Ms Guerin had not written one. He said that freedom of speech gave the paper the right to publish the article and it would prove the allegations.

Mr Justice Barron reserved judgment until today.

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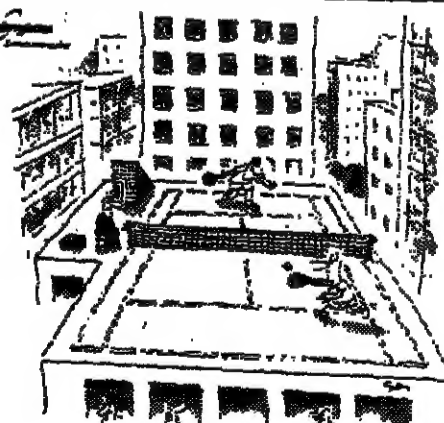
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Doctors 'hid biopsy error from woman dying of cancer'

BY DIANA THORP

TWO doctors failed to tell a pregnant woman or her family that she was dying from breast cancer, to cover up the fact that two biopsies had been wrongly diagnosed, the General Medical Council was told yesterday.

Carol Clark, 32, became pregnant after being told the breast biopsies had proved negative. When it was discovered that a mistake had been made, a "unanimous decision" was made not to tell Mrs Clark or her husband so as not to cause any other stress, counsel for the GMC, Rosalind Foster, told the professional conduct committee.

She said: "The actions and words were governed more by fear of a successful claim for compensation than genuine desire to do the right thing by the patient or her family in answering concerns."

Dr James Campbell Ferguson, 59, and Dr Christopher John Simpson, 48, medical director of the South Ayrshire Trust, are accused of serious professional misconduct.

Miss Foster said the truth was kept from the couple not just during the remaining months of Mrs Clark's life, but well after her death. Mr Clark knew his wife was dying of breast cancer but learnt the truth, that the biopsies had proved "highly suspicious", only on October 31, 1994, his wife had died on August 3.

Mr Clark said that his wife had regularly examined her breasts. Her mother and her mother's sister had suffered breast cancer. In June 1993, she noticed discharge from the nipple and a lump on her right breast.

She was referred to Mr Simpson who took a breast biopsy in August. The result said it was not cancer but degenerative cells.

The problem continued and another biopsy was undertaken

in September 1993. The lump was found to be benign. In October, Mrs Clark, a mother of two and a part-time auxiliary nurse, underwent an ultrasound scan and it was recommended that the lump be incised. But by this time, Mrs Clark was pregnant and it was decided to postpone the incision until after her pregnancy.

However, by the end of January 1994 Mrs Clark was ill with severe back pain. She was admitted to Ayr hospital on February 2, 1994. Miss Foster said a review of the earlier breast biopsies showed "a highly suspicious malignancy". Mrs Clark was diagnosed as having cancer of the right breast.

Miss Foster said a decision was taken by the doctors not to tell the patient or her husband. Mrs Clark subsequently terminated her pregnancy and died about six months later.

Dr Simpson has admitted he met Mr and Mrs Clark on May 17, 1994, and also that he did not disclose to Mrs Clark that the reports of the biopsies had subsequently been found to be incorrect.

He denied that Mrs Clark asked him about the results of the two biopsies.

Dr Ferguson has admitted that he wrote a letter dated October 12, 1994, to Mr Clark, stating: "I understand that the individual biopsies have all been re-looked at again and the pathologist would have felt that the original reports were correct comment, but we can go through that exercise again."

He has not admitted the other charges: that when he wrote the letter he was aware, or should have been aware, that errors in the reporting of the biopsies had been identified in February 1994 or earlier, and that the content of his letter on October 12 was

thereby misleading. Mr Clark told the hearing that the family had been anxious to know why they had received a letter saying the lump was "entirely benign when it obviously wasn't".

It caused his wife more distress not to know the truth. He said: "She passed away without the knowledge there had been an error made."

Mr Clark said he did not know about the mis-diagnosis until October 31, 1994, three months after his wife's death, when he had a meeting with Mr Simpson and was told "a tragic human error had been made".

Mr Clark said no attempt was made by either doctor to inform him or his wife of this error.

Miss Foster said: "Had it not been for his perseverance, the truth may not have been told at that stage."

The hearing continues today.



Tricia Gunther with Jennifer after she was born to a surrogate mother last year

'Timewarp' twin due after two year delay

BY KATE ALDERSON

A WOMAN whose first baby was born to a surrogate mother last year will make medical history when the second of her "timewarp twins" is born to a different host mother early next year.

Tricia Gunther's eggs, fertilised by her husband's sperm, were frozen in 1990 at a private fertility clinic in Cambridge. The couple's first child, Jennifer, was born in March last year to Teresa Finlay.

After months of searching for a second surrogate mother, Mrs Gunther and her husband Julian are now expecting their second child by another woman, who wishes to remain anonymous. She is two months pregnant.

The Gunthers' second child will be a "fraternal twin" to Jennifer. Medical staff who have treated the Gunthers believe they are the first couple to have a second fertilised egg successfully implanted in a surrogate moth-

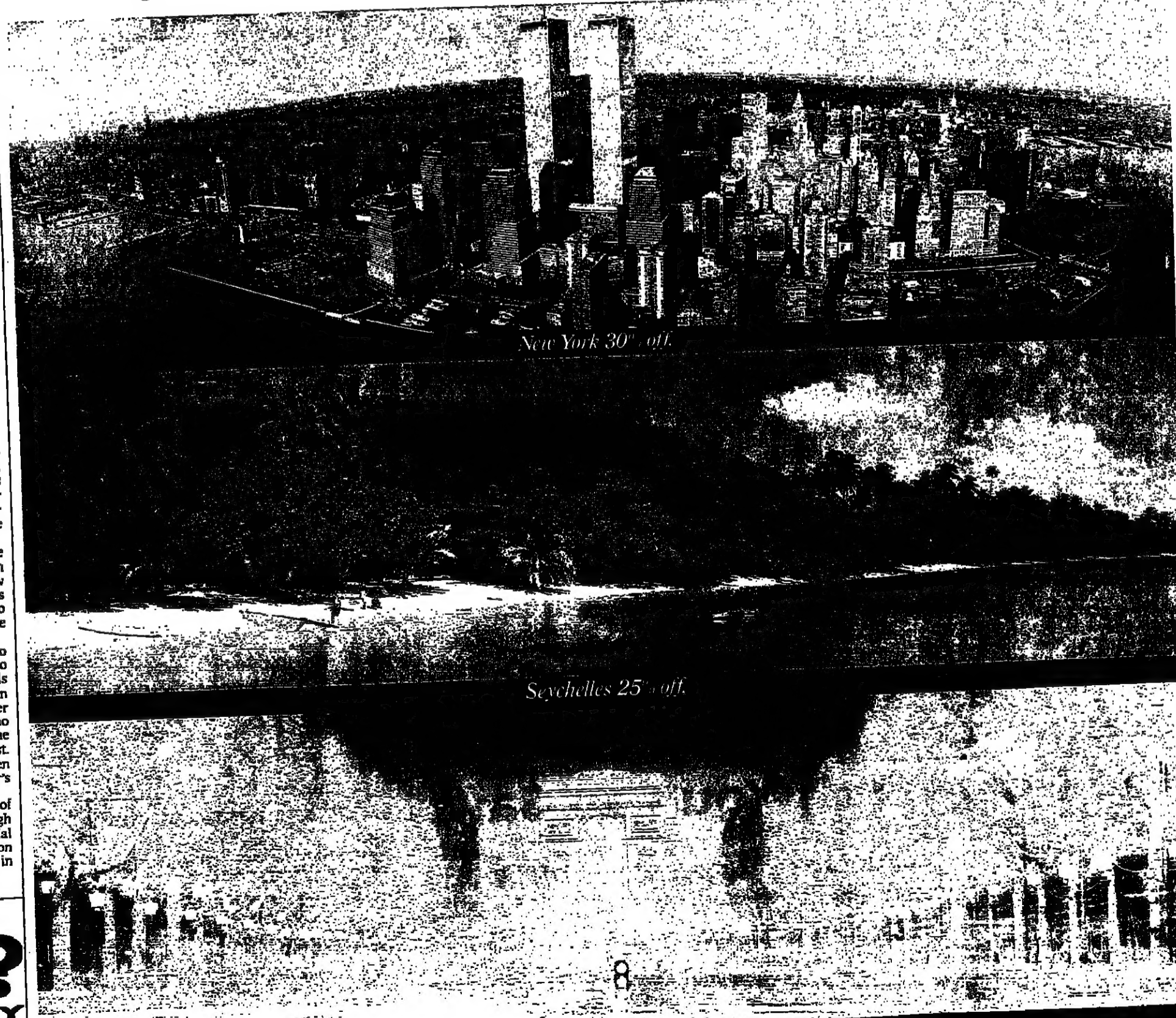


Jennifer at one year

er. It is also believed to be the longest time an embryo has been frozen and then successfully used in a surrogate. Mrs Gunther, from Handbridge, Cheshire, said: "I am overjoyed, ecstatic. I have seen two scans of the baby. My husband is delighted. So is the surrogate mother. It's wonderful that we're going to have a brother or sister for Jennifer."

Dr Mike MacNamee, scientific director at Bourn Hall, said the "twins" would not be identical because they came from different eggs. "But as the eggs were conceived at the same time, they are fraternal twins. For these 'timewarp' twins to be born to two different mothers is, to the best of my knowledge, unique."

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MP's lost father is found dead in the Alps

BY TIM JONES

AN MP's father has been found dead in the Austrian Alps almost two years after he disappeared on a mountaineering holiday. The body of Lionel Griffiths, 70, was discovered by police climbers alerted by a shepherd.

Mr Griffiths, the father of Labour consumer affairs spokesman Nigel, went missing after setting out from a hotel in Ober Tauern on September 15, 1994, and had not been seen since. It is believed he suffered a heart attack. The only clues to his whereabouts were in log books he had signed along his route. One of his final entries was from the poem Rocky Acres, by Robert Graves: "This is a wild land, country of my choice."

Nigel Griffiths, who spent three days searching in blizzard conditions for his father, spoke yesterday of his relief that the body had been found. He said: "I have always been quite philosophical about Dad's death. Some people's parents are mugged or hit by a bus, but he went doing the thing he loved most. We have all been terribly affected, but we are happy his body has been found."

The body, in the Dachstein mountains about 50 miles



Nigel Griffiths: died in "country of his choice"

south of Salzburg, was easy to identify because of his pipe, clothing, camera and notebook. The MP for Edinburgh South said that rescue teams would not normally risk their lives if a 70-year-old climber went missing because of the small chance of survival.

"But Peter Lintschinger, the head of the service, had been climbing with Dad just a few days before and knew he was fit and well-equipped, so helped us search for three days in terrible conditions."

He plans to fly out to Austria with his wife, Sally, to seek permission to have his father buried in the "unknown travellers" cemetery of Ober Tauern, where climbers who have died trying to cross the pass in winter are laid to rest. If permission is refused, then he will scatter his father's ashes over the mountains.

Mr Griffiths was head of English at Hawick High School, Borders. A memorial service addressed by Gordon Brown, MP, was held in Edinburgh last December.

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Fantasy comes true as John Hurt leads impressive cast who agreed to work for nothing

Fairy-tale ending for film student who dazzled stars

By DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A STUDENT who wanted to film a fantasy story was sure that the star part would be ideal for John Hurt. And, in the best tradition of showbusiness fantasies, the leading actor agreed to appear.

Hurt was so impressed by James Breese's script that he waived his fee to take part. He was not alone. The persuasive power of the 23-year-old graphic-design student also inspired a whole team of professionals to take part in front of and behind the cameras for nothing. Yesterday the

film, *My Funny Valentine*, an adaptation of Oscar Wilde's fairy tale, *The Happy Prince*, was in post-production as the young man who may be Britain's youngest and cheekiest writer-director told how his own fantasy came true.

"It was the best day of my life when John Hurt agreed to help," said Breese, a student at the University of the West of England in Bristol. "It's ridiculous to think you can just write to someone like John Hurt and ask them to help for nothing and they will come along and do it. I'd always

appreciated his acting and he had the right diction for the part."

Initially, Hurt was sent a two-page letter and a short synopsis of the script, about a statue that comes to life. The actor, who is about to go to New Zealand to make *The Climb*, said yesterday: "If somebody has the chutzpah to ask someone to do something for nothing, there are a great many of us prepared to do that. It feeds the industry and encourages talent."

"The general press have you believe we are a grand lot. We're not. We care for our kind. The more one can do to encourage new talent, the better. Students think 'He'd never do that'. It's not actually true. You're looking at someone's potential. I was impressed by his enthusiasm and accuracy of thought. I liked him and I liked the project. He's going to be okay."

Breese added: "I said that 50 people were involved, mainly students, and that I'd put a lot of work into it. Soon after, I got a call from his assistant with some dates to make the film. He said it was very interesting. It's about collisions between the world of humans and fairy tales."

The list of credits will also include the actor Gareth Hunt, best known for *Upstairs, Downstairs* and *The New Avengers*; the actor Ray Brooks; Mark Chamberlain, lighting cameraman for the award-winning *Wallace and Gromit*; special effects by Planet 24, the production company behind Channel 4's *The Big Breakfast*; and musicians from Portsmouth, the Mercury Prize-winning band, performing an Ella Fitzgerald score.

In addition, a 12-year-old Bristol schoolgirl, Alex Lee, was cast as the swallow. All



Powers of persuasion: the young writer-director James Breese with his co-producer, Emma Hancock

agreed to give their services for nothing.

Hunt spoke of being as impressed as much by Mr Breese's enthusiasm and persistence as his talent: "One's got to sit up and take note. He's going to be a very clever lad. A lot of people talk about this business and then never do anything. James impressed me. I was fascinated by what he was trying to say. It was a clever concept. I play the Gatekeeper to Heaven who stands outside a cinema: heaven is the cinema. He's an usher welcoming people. He sells tickets, filtering out the good and bad in a comment on humanity." Further support

has come from the BBC, which lent an office and post-production facilities; the British Film Institute, which was able to secure an Odeon cinema with 40s period details and costumes to match; and British Gas, which allowed the film-makers to shoot at a disused works in Bristol. The local community also rallied round, lending props, and HTV supplied cameras.

Breese said: "It is great to know that people at the forefront of the industry are still willing and able to help students to get a step up that all-important career ladder. I have always loved telling stories. The film does just that. It

is also an attempt to move away from the 'ultraviolence' of many modern films. I believe in freedom of creative expression, but many film-makers have overstepped the mark."

"They are not making for a better world. Through my film, I'm trying to return to an age of innocence, but it's far from twee. It tackles euthanasia, for example. It's a fairy tale for adults, but one that children will also enjoy."

Emma Hancock, 25, a media studies student from the university, was his co-producer. She has already got herself a professional producing job on another film, *A*

Slice of Life, a comedy set in London.

Breese's movie, which is likely to be just under an hour long, will be finished in two or three months. Tempest Films, which makes documentaries and films for Carlton and the BBC, has expressed interest. The process of persuasion continues. Breese said: "I sent them a five-minute trailer. They're going to put in some money to help me finish it."

There was also one other opportunity he could not miss: "As my final-year dissertation was on images of disability, focusing on *The Elephant Man*, John even gave me an hour's interview for that."

£10,000 for man sacked over £1

A COUNCIL worker sacked after he was accused of falsifying his travelling expenses by £1 won £10,000 compensation yesterday.

Terry Smith's boss had him followed as he delivered enforcement notices around his district, an industrial tribunal was told. The next day Philip Devenald, head of legal services at North Hertfordshire District Council, retraced the route with his wife and children in a car. He measured the journey at 44.6 miles, worth £3.12 at 7p a mile. Mr Smith, an enforcement officer for nine years, had claimed £4.20 for covering 60 miles. He was interviewed and sacked for gross misconduct.

Mr Devenald told the tribunal in Bedford: "The amount of money involved is totally irrelevant. It was never my concern. I will not tolerate less than 100 per cent honesty by my staff. I demand absolute honesty and integrity. It is particularly important for enforcement officers who have the potential to prosecute people."

He said he had also been unhappy with Mr Smith's work in the past. He said: "He wasn't initiating any prosecutions. Looking at his mileage sheet and his diary, it seemed to indicate he was getting in his car and driving round the area aimlessly."

Mr Smith, a 60-year-old grandfather from Stevenage, denied making a false expenses claim. He said the mileage was correct and claimed unfair dismissal.

Before he was due to give evidence yesterday, the council agreed to settle the case. Mr Smith, who earned £12,500 a year, will receive a tax-free award of £10,000 and costs of £500.

Afterwards he said: "In settling this case, the council has had to admit it was wrong — wrong to sack me, wrong to spend money on an unnecessary investigation and wrong to fight it all this way. It has been a tremendous strain on the public purse and in my mind that is a complete disgrace."

Recruited by Breese for *My Funny Valentine* were, clockwise from top left, John Hurt, Gareth Hunt, 12-year-old Alex Lee and Ray Brooks

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(Source: British Crime Survey)

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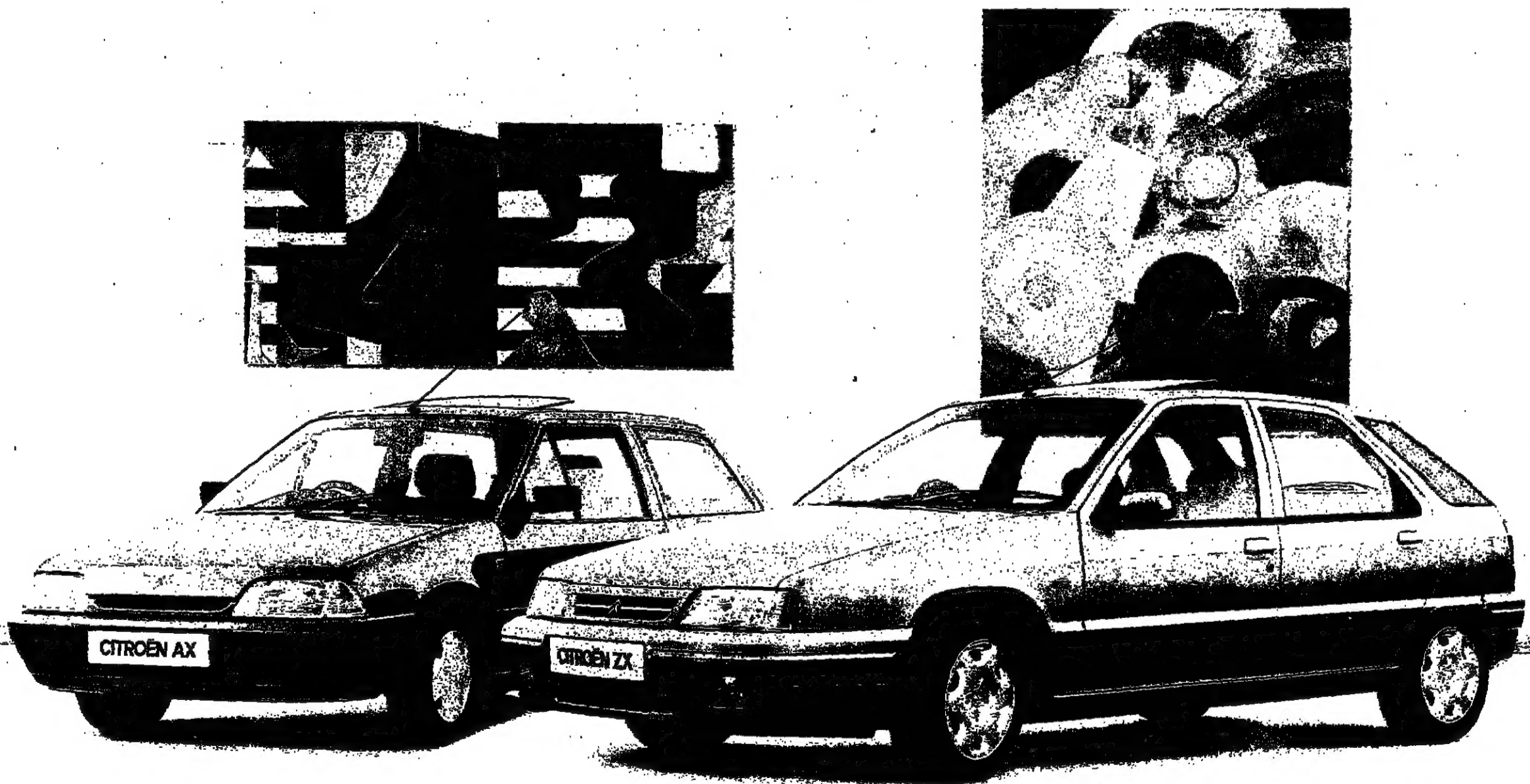


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Carlile quits Westminster to devote time to sick daughter



Carlile said he could no longer sacrifice family for politics

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

ALEX CARLILE, the senior Liberal Democrat MP, is quitting politics to help to look after his seriously ill teenage daughter.

Mr Carlile, an MP for 13 years, admitted yesterday that Westminster wreaked havoc on home life and he was no longer prepared to "sacrifice his family for politics". He said that while MPs were known to have hectic lifestyles and wives were expected to hold the fort dutifully, children were often the forgotten victims.

The MP wants to return to a less

pressured career and spend more time with his 15-year-old daughter Ruth, who is in a psychiatric hospital. The depressive illness from which she has been suffering for nearly two years has recently become acute.

He said: "It is clear to me that I can play an important part in Ruth's eventual recovery; but only if I am more a part of Ruth's life than my activities as an MP have enabled me to be."

Accompanied by his wife Frances, Mr Carlile, a father of three, said that MPs never had "proper quality time" with their families. Ruth was only two when

he won his seat. "At weekends you are constantly answering phone calls from journalists and constituents, you are going to village fêtes, dinners, drinks parties or canvassing. In Westminster you are either hanging around late at night for votes or answering stacks of letters. Everyone else has first call on your time," he said.

The MP for Montgomery said it was ludicrous to suggest that MPs did not work hard and had too much holiday. "During the summer recess, I spent the whole time looking after my constituency. My wife has been wonderful. But she has taken the responsibility for

bringing up the children." Mrs Carlile, a sculptor, said: "This has been a stressful and difficult decision. Alex is a person of strong loyalties, to his constituents, to his party, and to his family. It has taken us all some time to adjust to the extremely slow pace of recovery from mental illness and the time needed to help Ruth. He just wants to be there for her."

Although Mr Carlile is not dependent on his MP's salary, he said that MPs were not properly paid for the hours they put in and many were constantly worried by financial problems.

His decision has intensified the

debate about MPs' working weeks, their pay and whether it is necessary to have 651 of them. Mr Carlile will carry on as home affairs spokesman and leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrats until the next general election and then will "go home" and return to being a QC.

His departure from Westminster is a blow to his party in the run-up to an election. He has a majority of 5,209 and is the only Liberal Democrat MP in Wales, playing an important role in efforts to increase the party's influence there, particularly on the devolution issue. A large field of

candidates is expected to apply for the rural seat, which has been a Liberal bastion for more than a century.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said the party would miss Mr Carlile, who was a "powerful voice" at Westminster. "We pay a very high price for being a Member of Parliament, but I think all of us understand that families come first," he said.

Judi Lewis, the party's Welsh spokeswoman, said: "Everyone is extremely upset about losing Alex — but at this very difficult time for his family the decision is entirely understandable."

Fischler tells beef farmers that trade may never recover

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

DEMAND for beef may never recover fully from the crisis over "mad cow" disease, Franz Fischler, the European Union's Agriculture Commissioner, told British farmers yesterday.

Risking the wrath of dairy and beef producers, Herr Fischler honoured a long-standing invitation to open the annual Royal Show at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. In the event, no protests marred the occasion and Herr Fischler, who has a farm in the Austrian Tyrol, was spared having to eat British beef for lunch. Later, however, he sampled beef satay at the stand of the Meat and Livestock Commission.

The organisers were careful to steer their visitor away from the cattle lines and took him to a flower show, the organic farming stand and a British food exhibition. At a packed meeting with farmers, Herr Fischler was chal-

lenged about alleged under-reporting of BSE in cattle herds elsewhere in Europe. Robert Robinson, from Alnwick, Northumberland, said the only two cases of the disease in his herd had been imported from Ireland, where he estimated there might have been 7,000 unreported cases. He asked why the export ban applied only to British beef.

Herr Fischler said he had heard rumours of under-reporting and he would raise the matter with the new EU scientific group set up to investigate the disease. He believed that 99 per cent of all cases of BSE had occurred in Britain.

In his opening address, Herr Fischler hinted that beef farmers might have to face production cuts to reflect permanently lower demand, although Britain could be less badly affected than some continental coun-

tries. "There is no doubt in my mind that we have seriously to look at the beef production of the future and how the system has to be adapted both to satisfy consumer demands and to allow farmers to earn an acceptable living."

Later, at a press conference, Herr Fischler said: "It will not be easy to get back to the level of consumption that existed before the crisis." Production subsidies to help beef farmers could provide only a short-term solution.

He refused to endorse the Prime Minister's forecast after the EU summit in Florence that the worldwide ban on British beef exports would be largely lifted by November. That would depend on how quickly Britain could satisfy the conditions set for each stage in the removal of the ban.

Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, said Britain had "turned the corner" in the beef crisis, although he admitted he did not expect to see the export ban being significantly eased before "the back end of the year".

At a private meeting with Herr Fischler, Sir David Naish, president of the National Farmers' Union, said that he did not regard the call ordered by the EU as scientifically justified but said he and other farmers would support it if it led to the removal of the ban.

Consumption of beef fell by 20 per cent in the first three months of this year compared with the same period last year, according to the National Food Survey. The total household consumption of all meat and meat products declined by 1.5 per cent in 12 months.

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Smithfield serves up union-free butcher's

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

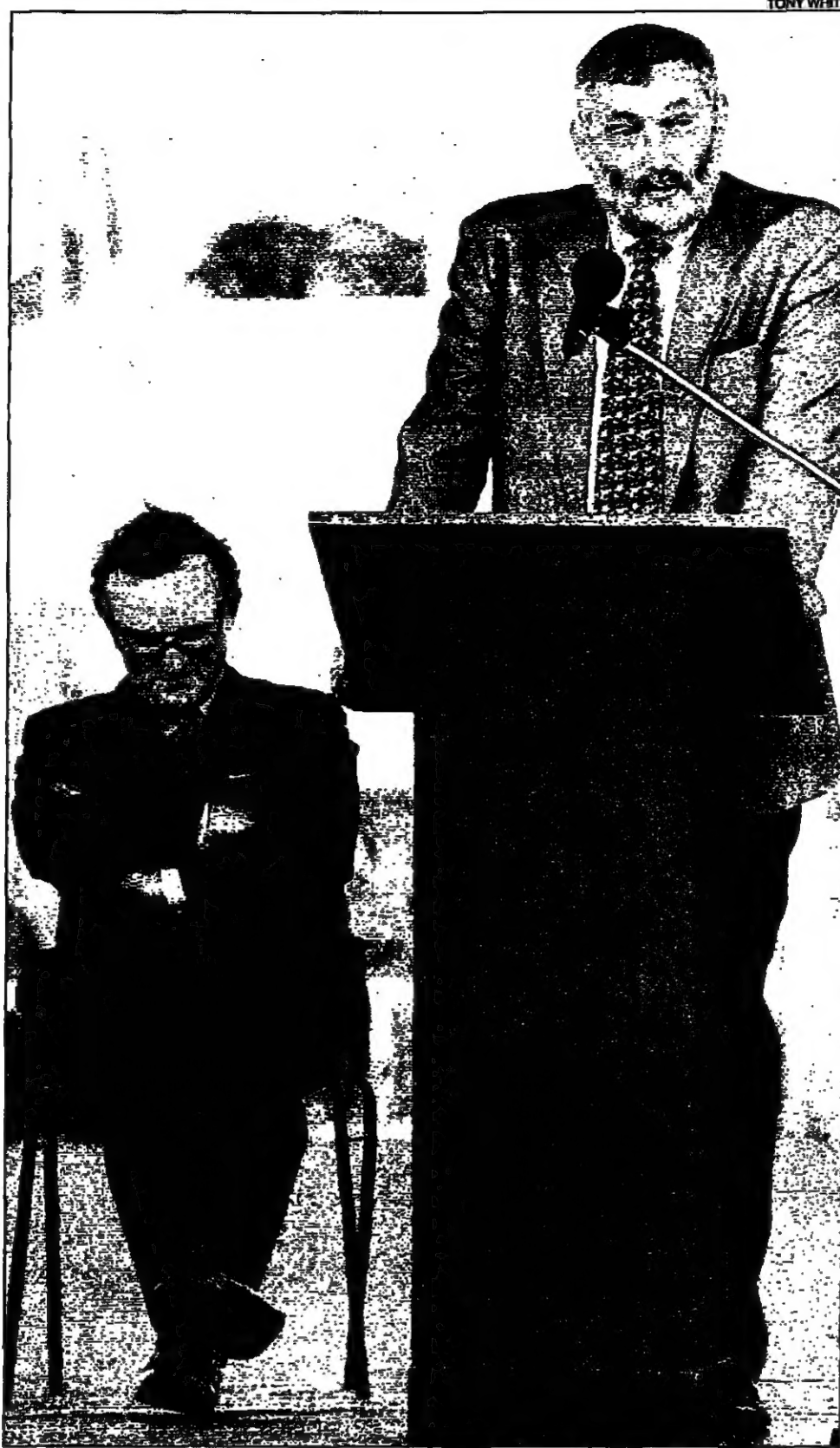
THE first non-union butcher's shop began trading in Smithfield Market, London, yesterday when half the Victorian building reopened after a £30 million refurbishment and a £2.1 million deal to end restrictive practice.

Union representatives immediately "invited" staff to join but the shop was able to continue trading even though they did not do so. "It marks the real end of an era," Greg Lawrence, the shop owner and deputy chairman of the Smithfield Meat Traders As-

sociation, said. "My staff can join the union if they want to but nobody can make them."

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Douglas Hogg listening as Franz Fischler, the EU Agriculture Commissioner, addresses farmers at the Royal Show at Stoneleigh yesterday

New Blanc restaurant distasteful to residents

BY ROBIN YOUNG

COOKING smells from the kitchen of the world-famous chef Raymond Blanc have failed to seduce his new neighbours. Smells and noise from M Blanc's new restaurant in the heart of Oxford have led to a wave of complaints to the council.

Angry residents have also pointed out to planners that M Blanc opened his restaurant, Le Petit Blanc, before he had full planning permission. The brightly coloured restaurant opened with a publicity flourish a fortnight ago, when M Blanc's hatter, Richard Branson, arrived in a rickshaw.

Neighbours were annoyed and, besides the smells and noise, complain that the restaurant, in Walton Street, is opening earlier than it should.

The chairman of Oxford City Council's planning committee, Stef Spencer, said: "Since the restaurant opened two weeks ago, we have received nine letters of complaint and numerous phone calls from residents saying the restaurant is a nuisance. 'They have complained of the smells and say they cannot sleep because of the noise. The extractor fans do not seem to be working as well as they should, and the neighbours say they are opening at 11 instead of 11.15'."

Ms Spencer added that the committee was disinclined to give the restaurant the extension to opening hours for which it had applied. "We are extremely concerned that he went ahead with a blaze of publicity when there were still these outstanding matters," she said. "He jumped the gun."

M Blanc said yesterday: "We want to live in harmony with our neighbours and we will do our utmost to keep them happy."

Second Tube strike tomorrow

A second 24-hour strike by London Underground drivers is to go ahead tomorrow after the breakdown of peace talks yesterday.

Aslef union leaders met London Transport managers for 90 minutes but failed to resolve a dispute over a one-hour cut in the working week.

Officials from the Rail Maritime and Transport union also joined the talks. It is ballooning members on strikes over time off. Co-ordinated action with Aslef would halt the network.

Amnesty tally

More than 15,360 guns were handed in during the month-long amnesty following the Dunblane massacre, the Home Office announced. Police stations in Scotland collected more than 2,500 of the total. The amnesty ended on Sunday.

Rescuer rescued

The Lymington lifeboat, called to the aid of the 28ft yacht *Chuckles* in trouble off Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, found the skipper they were towing to safety was the Royal National Lifeboat Institute's Chief of Operations, Commodore George Cooper.

Marry at leisure

Engaged couples are to have longer to change their minds, to help to reduce the divorce rate. A three-month deadline for a civil wedding after notification with a registrar is being extended to a year under new government proposals put before Parliament yesterday.

Cruise halted

Holidaymakers were going home yesterday after their cruise was cancelled aboard the Russian ship *Alla Tarasova*, stranded for three days with a flooded engine room at Peterhead, Grampian. All are said to be receiving refunds.

Stabbing charge

A factory worker aged 17 was remanded in custody at Brighton, charged with stabbing a Russian student. The incident allegedly happened just hours after England's exit from Euro 96. Another youth, also 17, from Moscow, has been released from hospital.

Model auction

A model theatre once owned by the actor Peter Cushing was sold to a German toy museum for £17,625 at Phillips in London. With it were ten stage sets and model figures including Sherlock Holmes, a part that Cushing, who died in 1994, often played.

Winning goal

A man from Folkestone has won £201,069 for a £12 accumulator bet with William Hill on two horse races and several football results, including forecasting Germany winning Euro 96. He had, however, made a £50,000 hedging bet on the Czech Republic.

Judge maintains status quo on pop station's record 'ban'

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

AN ATTEMPT by two veteran rock stars to force their band back into the Radio 1 playlists was thrown out in the High Court yesterday. Mr Justice Collins refused Status Quo's application for a judicial review of the BBC policy of banning chart hits by "unfashionable" artists, despite its remit to play Top 40 records.

He described the case brought by Francis Rossi and Rick Parfitt as hopeless and halted in its tracks what he suggested would be an "utterly pointless" waste of court time. He ruled that Radio 1 had a legal right to its opinion that Status Quo are "old hat".

The judgment, which leaves the musicians with an estimated legal bill of £50,000, effectively relegates Status Quo and a host of artists, from Sir Cliff Richard and Rod Stewart to

the Beatles, to easy listening stations.

The BBC welcomed the decision. Sarah Jones, a BBC solicitor in court to hear the ruling, said: "We are delighted Radio 1's right to editorial freedom has been safeguarded."

Rossi, 46, and Parfitt, 47, currently celebrating the band's thirtieth anniversary, decided to challenge Radio 1's stated push for a trendier image last March after the station failed to play their new hit single *Fun, Fun, Fun*. The recording went straight into the pop charts.

Kenneth Parker, QC, counsel for the group, told the judge in an informal hearing that the absolute ban, imposed by Trevor Dann, 44, Radio 1's head of production, was capricious, inconsistent and not based on musical taste. At one

point Mr Justice Collins suggested that, perhaps, Radio 1 simply did not like his clients' music. "They don't have to like it," Mr Parker said.

Paul Goulding, counsel for the BBC, said Radio 1 had never imposed a ban on Status Quo. He said each record was judged on its merits and its suitability for its targeted audience. Records would not find their way onto Radio 1's playlist simply because they were commercially successful.

David Walker, the group's manager, said they were downhearted but not defeated. He added that the action was taken not just for Status Quo but for all other bands similarly outlawed from the playlists.

Bill Latham, who acts for Sir Cliff Richard, said the singer felt "personally hurt" at Radio 1's action.

Ono and Beatles try to silence live CD

BY ADRIAN LEE

THE three surviving Beatles and John Lennon's widow Yoko Ono are trying to ban a CD version of a recording of the group performing at a club in Hamburg in 1962.

Lawyers for Ringo Starr Music Ltd, of Waltham Abbey, Essex, said yesterday that Lennon gave permission for the recording. *Live at the Star Club* was first released on vinyl. The Beatles' label, Apple, tried unsuccessfully to have it banned in 1977, when a judge refused to grant an injunction. Nick Kanaar, 55, the solicitor who fought the might of The Beatles then, is preparing to lock horns again at the High Court.

Yesterday he said he was mystified by the claim for damages and the attempt to have all copies of the recording — sold by mail order as a

boxed set — destroyed. Mr Kanaar said a member of the audience — "Ted 'Kingsize' Taylor of a band called The Dominos" — was given permission by John Lennon to make the recording and later sold it to Ringo Starr.

Mr Kanaar said: "The agreement was either verbal, or scribbled on the back of a beer mat long before The Beatles became household names. I cannot understand why they are doing this. They claim they are illicit recordings."

He said it was not a case of "bootlegging" and the company was ready for a fight. In another case, the band Shakespear's Sister are being sued for damages for allegedly infringing the copyright on the 1920s poem *Hornpipe* by Dame Edith Sitwell, who died in 1964.

TV's Rebecca bypasses Cornwall on road to Manderley

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE road to Manderley bypasses Cornwall, according to Carlton Television. The company has decided to film a two-part television version of Daphne du Maurier's *Rebecca* — with its famous opening: "Last night I dreamt I went back to Manderley again" — in Hampshire rather than Cornwall.

All but a handful of exteriors in the four-hour adaptation are to be filmed at Rotherfield Park near Alton in Hampshire, more than 200 miles from Manderley's original setting.

The organisers of a du Maurier festival planned in Cornwall next spring are understandably put out. They had hoped that both they and Cornish tourism would benefit from a flood of visitors in the wake of the screening, as happened in neighbouring Devon when Saltram House was used for Emma Thompson's adaptation of *Sense and Sensibility*. Du

Maurier wrote *Rebecca* while living at Menabilly, near Par in Cornwall. She based the dark and brooding house of Manderley on a combination of Menabilly and Milton Hall near Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

The landscape around Menabilly formed the backdrop to the book and enthusiasts say the television version, which will star Faye Dunaway, Charles Dance and Diana Rigg, should have been filmed in authentic locations.

Carlton may have chosen the location partly because it is only an hour's drive from its studios at Shepperton.

Malcolm Brown, chairman of the leisure committee of Restormel Borough Council, which is running next year's du Maurier festival, said yesterday: "It is very good news that they are making a new film of *Rebecca* but very bad news that they have decided to set it in Hampshire. The decision will be very unpopular and deeply resented here in

Cornwall. The story is set in Cornwall and the actual house is often thought to be based on du Maurier's own home at Menabilly where she wrote it."

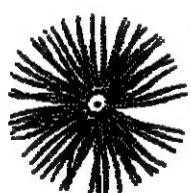
Peter Mares, a Carlton spokesman, said: "Filming can always be a succession of compromises. Our designer, Caroline Amies, and director, Jim O'Brien, looked all around England, including Cornwall, and went to Ireland, looking for the right location. At the end of the day they chose to do it mostly with Rotherfield Park and studio shots at Shepperton."

He added that *The Jewel in the Crown*, which Mr O'Brien co-directed, was shot partly in India and partly in North Wales, and viewers did not know.

Mr Mares pointed out that Alfred Hitchcock's 1939 film of *Rebecca* was shot entirely in California. "At least we are doing a week's filming in Cornwall for exteriors of the cliffs, cottages and beaches, which is more than Hitchcock did," he said.



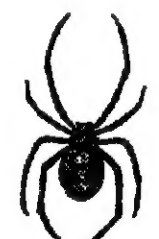
Fontaine and Olivier in Hitchcock's 1939 version, which was filmed not in Cornwall but California



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Labour aims to cut £100m from NHS bureaucracy

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR announced plans yesterday to slice £100 million from health service management costs to improve patient care within the party's first year of government.

Harriet Harman, the Shadow Health Secretary, set out proposals to end the "paper chase" that she claims has been costing an extra £1.5 billion a year since the start of the internal market. She said that the £100 million represented only the beginning of cuts on an unnecessary bureaucracy that was draining money from patient services.

Ms Harman confirmed that if Labour won the general election there would be fewer health service managers, but she refused to say how many jobs might be lost.

Her prediction of management savings was denounced as "a mirage" by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary,

and greeted sceptically by health professionals who criticised the lack of detail in the plans.

Ms Harman said that by imposing a new limit on the management costs of trusts and health authorities enough money could be saved to pay for the treatment of 100,000 more patients. Labour would aim to cut management costs below the present average of 3.9 per cent of income for trusts, and 1.3 per cent for health authorities. However, the target would be a regional one because of the difficulties some smaller trusts have in reducing management costs.

Although Ms Harman said that cutting waste would be one of the first priorities of an incoming Labour government, senior figures in the party admitted that first-year savings would be determined by the speed with which

hospital trusts and health authorities responded to new instructions.

Presenting a health policy document, *Cut The Waste, Cut The Waiting*, Ms Harman said that £22 million could be saved by ending the system of extra-contractual referrals, which is used to obtain treatment for patients at hospitals with which their GP fundholder or health authority does not have a contract. The remaining savings would come from the £59 million spent on trust management and the £21 million health authority costs.

"Cutting bureaucracy will transform services," she said. "The NHS is tied up with red tape and bogged down in paperwork." Last year, 57,000 invoices were sent out by Guy's and St Thomas's hospitals in London.

"The madness of the inter-

nal market means not only that Guy's and St Thomas's have to appoint managers to draw up and process 57,000 invoices and send them out, but the health authority has to appoint managers to approve and process 26,000 invoices to buy healthcare for its local population from local hospitals.

"There are 30,000 more managers and 50,000 fewer nurses since the Tories introduced their market in healthcare. More people to count the cost of care - fewer people to provide it."

Mr Dorrell was scornful of the plans, saying that the Government had already achieved 8 per cent savings on bureaucracy. "The idea that we can do everything we want to do in the health service in the future by just making the administration process more efficient is a mirage."



Harriet Harman: says that money saved on health service red tape will be spent on treating patients

Tories begin to see Blair threat more clearly

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

At last the Tories have begun to take Tony Blair seriously. Yesterday's decision by the Cabinet to change the direction of the Tory attack on Mr Blair is the biggest endorsement he could have wished for ahead of the publication of Thursday of the party's mini-manifesto setting out his "new" Labour approach.

Ever since he was elected Labour leader nearly two years ago, Mr Blair has surprised and confused Tory strategists as much as his own party. As Conservative Central Office officials admitted yesterday, the party had used "a number of attack strategies that have not landed punches". This is in part because confusing and contradictory approaches have been used.

The Tories have successively argued, often on the same day, that Mr Blair has no policies; has stolen the Tories' clothes; that while Mr Blair is new type of leader, Labour has not changed; and that Labour governments never work. None of these charges has stuck. Trying to paint Mr Blair as a reincarnation of Michael Foot or a creature of the trade unions has seemed ludicrous. He demonstrated both his fresh approach and assertion of authority over union leaders by his success in rewriting Clause Four. Repeated polls have shown that the public believes that Mr Blair has broken with Labour's past, whatever doubts voters still have about the party's ability to deliver in office.

The Tory confusion reached its height in January when Mr Blair launched the idea of the stakeholder society. On the same day, one minister said he was adopting Tory policies and another argued that he was proposing new powers for the unions. Senior ministers have been won round to the view that the party has to recognise that Mr Blair is different and the old anti-Labour slogans will not work. A shift has been urged for some time by Danny Finkelstein, head of the Conservative Research Department, and David Willetts, the leadership's in-house intellectual, whose pamphlet on "new" Labour will be published by the Centre for Policy Studies next week.

The key was to persuade the party's marketing gurus, Maurice Saatchi, Sir Tim Bell and Peter Gummer, who are masterminding the Tories' multimillion-pound poster campaign. The Cabinet endorsed this strategy yesterday morning.

The new approach, as set out in a speech by Brian Mawhinney last Friday, is to sidestep the argument about whether Labour's policies are now different and to concentrate, rather, on whether they would work in practice. Hence, the slogan, with which we will become all too familiar over the summer, "New Labour, New Dangers". So instead of the old bogies of unbalanced strikes, withdrawal from Europe, mass nationalisation, planning agreements and the like, the Tories are trying to conjure up new spine-chilling threats - over union rights, acceptance of a federal Europe, a statutory minimum wage, choice in schools, new impositions on management and, above all, a constitutional upheaval.

Some of these questions are legitimate - in particular over whether business will face extra costs as a result of new regulations, over the commitment to choice in public services and about the potential pitfalls in Labour's constitutional proposals. But some other Tory charges are greatly overdone - and Mr Blair is rapidly trying to make them less threatening by removing ambiguous and expensive promises. So it is a gross exaggeration for Dr Mawhinney to argue that "a significant number of Labour's current policy positions are more extreme and more damaging than anything advocated by that party in the 1970s or 1980s".

The pertinent questions for the Tories to ask are whether Mr Blair's approach, and instincts, are shared by his party, and whether his caution on making promises and public spending can be reconciled with the overall promise that "new" Labour could really change Britain.

PETER RIDDELL

Harman has yet to explain how scheme will work

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

THE success of Labour's plan to save money by scrapping the internal market will depend on what system replaces it. There is no dispute that the market has led to higher administrative costs. But what is the alternative and would it be cheaper to run? On this, the party's health team was less than forthcoming yesterday.

Labour claims that £12 in every £100 of NHS spending goes on

administration compared with £9 in every £100 before the market was introduced in 1991. That amounts to an extra £1,500 million a year spent on bureaucracy.

It plans to whittle away this figure. Of the £100 million savings planned for the first year, £80 million will be saved by requiring NHS trusts and health authorities that are top heavy with management to reduce their administrative costs to the national average of 3.9 per cent of turnover.

To demonstrate the scope for savings it lists hospitals and the

number of invoices they issue. The United Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust has 300 contracts with health authorities and GP fundholders and sends out 12,500 invoices a year. Labour's plan is to cut the level of invoicing - and the managers who run it - by switching to a system of rolling three-year agreements. However, the details of how these would work have yet to be spelled out.

At present 232 NHS trusts spend more than average on management costs and 148 spend less (39 spend at

the average level). The £80 million will come out of the £852.5 million spent by NHS trusts on administrative costs and the £450 million spent by health authorities, a total reduction of a shade more than 6 per cent. In addition, Labour plans to end the system of extra contractual referrals, under which an invoice is drawn up for each patient sent to a hospital by a health authority or GP fundholder that has not contracted with it.

Removing this system, one of the costliest elements of the internal market, could save £22 million.

Harriet Harman cited the example of a woman with back pain who was referred to the Royal National Orthopaedic hospital and had to wait five months for approval of the £120 cost of the treatment from her health authority. The cost of administering the case was £360. "We could have treated three patients for the price of one," Ms Harman said.

However, when pressed on what would replace it Ms Harman was vague, citing the possible suitability of "a number of budgetary systems" for reimbursing hospitals.

Backbench MPs warn of pay 'trap'

LABOUR backbenchers urged Tony Blair yesterday to resist being hurried into cross-party talks on MPs' pay (Arthur Leathley writes).

John Major took the unusual step last week of inviting Mr Blair and other party leaders to put forward their suggestions this week on the report by the Senior Salaries Review Body, which is expected on Thursday to recommend rises of more than £10,000 for MPs.

Ministers are worried about the public's reaction and want to secure cross-party support for a lower rise, with the prospect of a higher one after the next election.

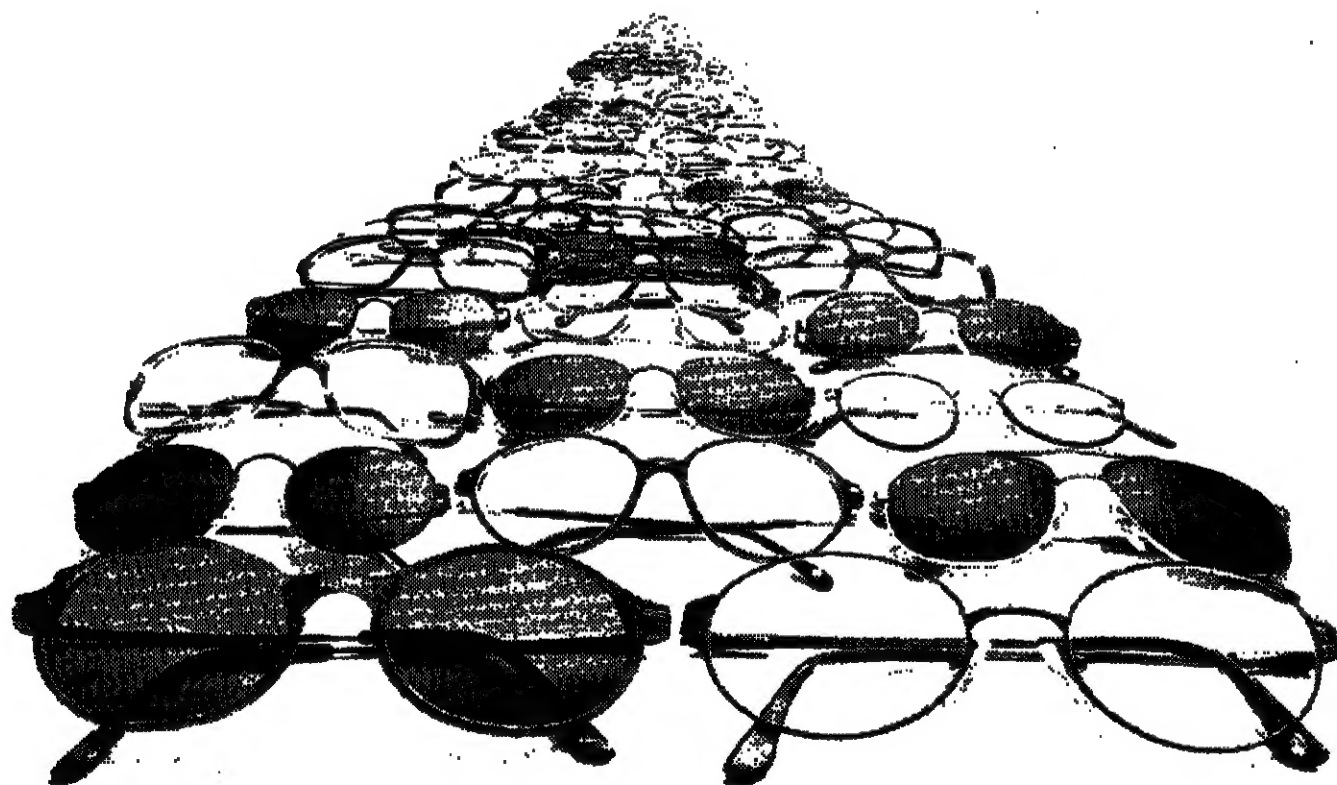
MPs will have a free vote, but Labour backbenchers fear pressure to take a party line. One Labour MP planning to stand down at the election said: "This is a Tory trap to get Blair to agree to lower pay rises to show that he is a responsible leader. But he should just keep quiet and leave it to us."

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: questions to environment ministers and the Prime Minister; Broadcasting Bill, report; debate on Legal Aid administration. In the Lords: Asylum and Immigration Bill, end of third reading debate; Railway Heritage Bill, committee; Sexual Offences (Conspir-

acy and Incitement) Bill, third reading; Armed Forces Bill, report; Energy Conservation Bill, committee; Community Care (Direct Payments) Bill, Commons amendments; Marriage Ceremony (Prescribed Words) Bill, committee; Detention Bill, Commons amendments.

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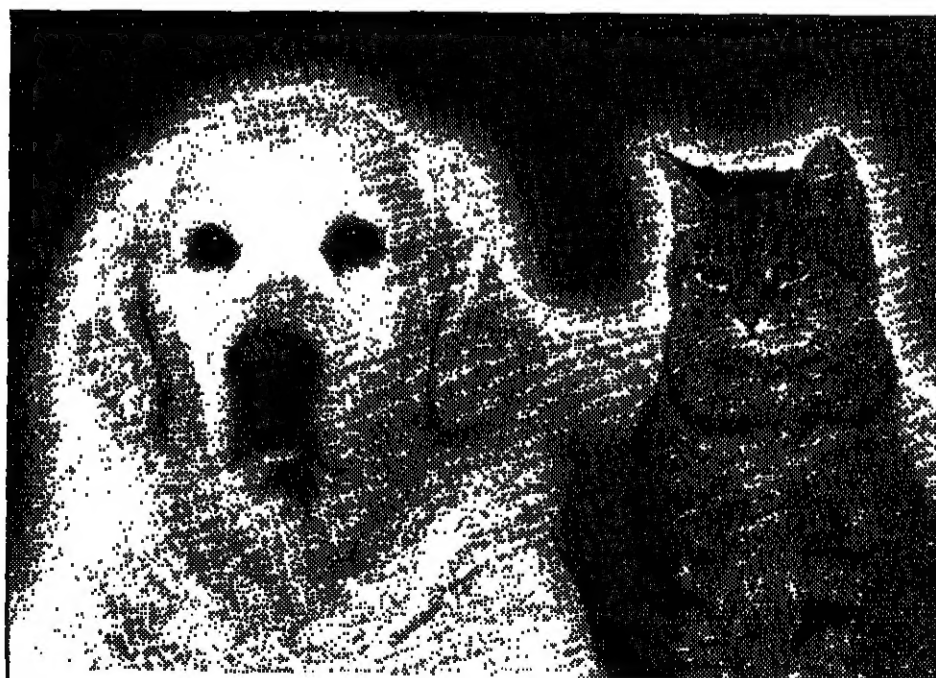
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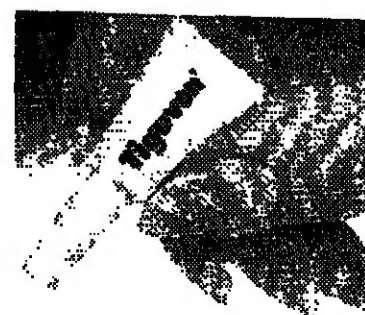


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Thousands mark British military's bloodiest day

Ceremony at Somme's battlefield pays anniversary tribute to the million dead

FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN THIEPVAL

THOUSANDS of British pilgrims, including more than a dozen veterans of the First World War, assembled amid the rolling fields of northern France yesterday to commemorate the eightieth anniversary of the first offensive in the Battle of the Somme — the bloodiest day in Britain's military history.

The solemn service beneath the great Thiepval memorial by Sir Edwin Lutyens, on which is inscribed the names of 70,000 British soldiers with unknown graves, was attended by the Duke of Gloucester, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and representatives from several British regiments. Officials from France, Germany, Australia, Canada and New Zealand also came to pay tribute to the more than a million men who lost their lives on the Somme battlefields between July and mid-November 1916.

Of the 160,000 soldiers who set off through the mayhem of no man's land towards the German trenches in the first 24 hours of the Anglo-French offensive, more than 20,000 died and 35,000 were wounded. Just 185 German soldiers perished on that first day.

"It has been said that never have so many men walked so confidently to a certain death," the Rev William Scott told the congregation. "The German machine-gunners emerged from their deep dug-outs unscathed. They opened fire, and the bloodbath of the Somme began."

Norman Edwards was a raw 22-year-old that day, having joined the ranks of the 1st/6th Gloucesters less than two years before. "I felt it was my job," Captain Edwards, now 102, recalled yesterday, as a chill wind whipped across the former battlefields on a very different day from the "heavenly" July morning bitterly remembered by the author Siegfried Sassoon.

The young infantryman Edwards was lucky. He survived the terrible first day of carnage and was wounded three weeks later during a night attack at Serre. "The bullet was meant



One of the Somme veterans at yesterday's ceremony Harry Wells, 97, of London, wipes tears from his eyes

for my heart, but it went through my arm. That was my 'Blighy-ticker'. I wouldn't have swapped it for a thousand pounds," he said. Captain Edwards, from Sutton Coldfield, took a commission and joined the Tank Corps after convalescence, going on to become managing director of Metro-Cammell, the Underground train manufacturer. But after eight decades he is still humbled by his arbitrary good fortune. "I have had a wonderful life," he said.

Under War Office regulations, men who volunteered together could stay together at the front, leaving neighbours, workmates and even football teams to form up into such units as the Liverpool Pals and the Grimsby Chums. The 16 veterans at yesterday's ceremony are a dwindling few, but that camaraderie survives.

"I have so many friends who lie here," said Donald Hodge, 101, as he gestured to the great Thiepval arch and the ranks of headstones in the Anglo-French cemetery beyond. It is all but impossible to imagine the bloody chaos of the Somme in the neatly tended fields, while the formal mili-

ary grace of yesterday's service provided a stark contrast to the rank confusion and fear recalled by those who fought.

But the landscape does bear its scars. A few miles away at La Boisselle lies the vast crater, 250 yards across by 30 deep, where British sappers exploded 100,000 tonnes of explosive beneath the German front line at 7.28am on July 1, 1916 — the first minute of the "crazy hour".

Historians will continue to debate whether the Somme was an abominable mass slaughter ordered by incompetent leaders, a grim victory or an exercise in heroic futility.

George Jamieson, at 103 the oldest veteran present and the only representative of the regular army of "Old Contemptibles" virtually wiped out in the first year of the war, is in no doubt. He said yesterday: "Nothing was ever settled by it. War solves nothing."

"On that first day I had the privilege of firing 280 rounds with the Maxim gun," said Captain Edwards. "I don't know if I hit anyone."

More than 3,000 people, many of whom travelled by bus from Britain, saw the

Duke of Gloucester and Pierre Pasquini, France's Veterans Affairs Minister, lay the first wreaths. As the service drew to a close, five veterans came forward to add their wreaths. "It was very important to come back and remember all of those who fell," said James Taylor, 97, from Comber near Belfast.

After the service, Sir Patrick Mayhew angrily dismissed suggestions that the British Government was under-represented. "My father was present on the first day of the Somme and saw an entire division mowed down," he said.

"As Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and someone who served in a regiment represented at the Somme, and the son of one who fought here, I feel quite comfortable representing my country and the Government at this occasion."

The Duke and Sir Patrick later attended another ceremony at the Ulster Tower, where Dr Robin Eames, the Prime Minister of All Ireland, spoke of the Irish Protestants and Catholics who fought alongside one another during the ferocious battle.

The events yesterday commemorated huge loss of life, but also a sudden loss of optimism that changed the perception of war. With the battle, the hollowiness of the assumption that British troops would simply "walk over and take possession" of the German trenches became horribly apparent.

In the first hours of battle, the Rev John Walker noted how the wounded soldiers were "cheerful for they told us of a day of glorious successes". However, just two days later, the good man was secretly distributing morphine to dying soldiers in the "moribund" tent behind the lines. "We may be at this for months... and we hear of ramparts of dead English and Germans," he wrote.

There was quiet again on what was once the Western Front yesterday, as the military bands fell silent and British boys, who 80 years ago might have fought and died here, plucked poppies from the Somme roadsides.



Crowds gather in silence amid poppies yesterday at the edge of La Boisselle crater, where British sappers set off 100,000 tonnes of explosive beneath the German front line to start the Battle of the Somme 80 years ago

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bomb hits Corsican nationalists

Bastia: A car bomb exploded in this Corsican port yesterday, injuring eight people including two Corsican nationalist leaders and unidentified tourists, officials said.

Charles Pieri, one of the two national secretaries of the Cuncolta, nationalist party, was driving the car and was among the injured. The other party leader, Pierre Lorenzi, was seriously hurt. (AP)

Bhutto victory

Islamabad: The Pakistan People's Party of Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister, won a showpiece election in Pakistan-ruled Azad (free) Kashmir as accusations raged of vote-rigging. (Reuters)

Tamil ambush

Colombo: Tamil Tiger separatists ambushed a Sri Lankan army patrol clearing landmines near the eastern port of Trincomalee, killing 29 soldiers and losing at least 35 of their own guerrillas. (Reuters)

Leader elected

Santo Domingo: Leonel Fernández, 42, of the centrist Dominican Liberation Party, won the presidency of the Dominican Republic. He will replace Joaquín Balaguer, 89, on August 16. (Reuters)

Star Quinn ill

New York: The actor Anthony Quinn, 81, was "satisfactory" in the heart unit of Rhode Island Hospital. A spokesman would not say what was wrong with him, but he had bypass surgery in 1990. (AFP)

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Cuban boxers defect to US from Olympic camp

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

TWO members of Cuba's Olympic Games boxing squad applied for political asylum in America after escaping from the team's training camp in Mexico.

Details were few, but the defections at the weekend led to fears that Cuban authorities may order a review of security of their Olympic athletes.

José Casamayor, a gold medalist bantamweight at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, and Ramón Garbey, an amateur light-heavyweight world champion, left the team's compound in Guadalajara, Mexico, and were said to have flown to the frontier town of Tijuana. After crossing the border they presented themselves at the US Immigration and Naturalisation Service office and sought asylum. They were taken in for questioning.

The boxers are being represented by Frank Ronzio, a prominent Los Angeles immigration lawyer, who said the men had been "singled out for persecution" in the Cuban Olympic camp. Mr Ronzio

was confident they would be granted American citizenship.

The timing of the defections was odd. If the boxers hope to fight professionally on the American circuit, they could have impressed the many talent scouts who watch the amateur bouts at the Games and have in the past made stars out of unknown fighters.

However, Mr Ronzio said that Señor Casamayor and Señor Garbey "felt they had to

do it now" after being pressured to join the Communist Party and state their allegiance to the Castro regime. It was also probably easier to elude their minders in Mexico, where security at the Cuban training camp was slovenly.

At the Atlanta Olympics this month, there is likely to be less room for Cuban athletes to defect. International sporting events have in the past provided Cuban sportsmen with good opportunities to escape. At the 1993 Central American Games in Puerto Rico, about 40 Cubans fled.

More than 70 Cuban athletes have defected in the past six years. American baseball has also attracted several expatriates, many of whom are now paid sums that compare favourably with their nation's gross domestic product.

Cuban Olympic selectors said the absent fighters have been replaced in the boxing squad, traditionally one of the strongest at the Games.



Casamayor: gold medal

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Activists outraged over plan to put monkeys into orbit

BY QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK AND ANJANA ASHUA

AMERICAN, Russian and French scientists met yesterday to discuss the ethics of sending monkeys into orbit to test the effects of long-distance space travel.

A group of rhesus monkeys, their heads sprouting electrical wires, their tails docked, are to spend 14 days on a Russian spacecraft in October. Animal rights protesters are outraged.

The effects of space on the monkeys during the Bion space trip will be measured by electrodes implanted in their brains. Scientists believe the results may indicate the neurological effects on people of the long-term space travel needed for a possible manned mission to Mars in 2010.

A Bion task force convened

in Washington yesterday to prepare an ethical report on the experiment. The meeting came after complaints by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals about the on-board conditions for the monkeys. The group claimed that the animals would be unable to move during the flight and spoke of the monkeys' skulls being "sliced open", of holes being made in their eyelids and of thermometers being embedded in their abdomens. There have been lurid stories of monkeys mutilating themselves in trying to rid themselves of laboratory encumbrances.

But NASA insisted yesterday that the wires would be implanted under anaesthesia by experienced surgeons and that the monkeys would be

taken to a Moscow monkey sanctuary after the flight to spend the rest of their lives in comfort.

Supporters of the experiment argue that the objectives of the mission fulfil strict criteria. These are that the results cannot be obtained in any other way; that they are relevant to the space programme and have the potential to enrich life on Earth; and that the animals are being humanely treated.

NASA is reportedly paying Russia more than \$33 million (£21 million) to be involved in both Bion 11, which is due to lift off in late September, and Bion 12, which will lift off in 1998. France will also participate in both missions.

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Madrid angles for Eta talks to end Basque campaign of terror

FROM TINKU VARADARAJAN
IN MADRID

THE Spanish Government could be on the verge of a breakthrough in its long-running conflict with the Eta Basque terrorist group.

After a week of intense political activity, not all of it taking place in the public eye, the Government of José María Aznar has indicated a cautious willingness to talk to Eta, provided the guerrillas commit themselves to three essential preconditions.

These are an indefinite suspension by Eta of all armed activity;

the immediate release of José Antonio Ortega Lara, a prison official kidnapped in January; and a recognition by Eta of the "plurality of the Basque people and the legitimacy of their institutions".

The conditions for dialogue were first set out last Wednesday at a meeting in Vitoria of the parties which are represented in the Basque regional parliament that reject violence. These include Señor Aznar's Popular Party, his Basque nationalist allies, the PNV, and the opposition Socialists. They exclude Herri Batasuna, the political wing of Eta. The Vitoria

conditions were laid down in response to an Eta offer of a week-long truce, which the parties rejected unanimously. Only on the fulfilment of these conditions, Eta was told, could there begin "a sincere and open process of dialogue".

Intriguingly, on the day after the Vitoria meeting, Jaime Mayor Oreja, the Interior Minister who is a Basque, said "democrats should not be afraid of acting with common sense".

Arousing suspicions of a process beyond the public eye, he told congress that "there was begin-

ning to be an atmosphere conducive to the advancement of peace". In a surprising concession at the weekend, 32 convicted Eta terrorists were transferred to jails close to the Basque country. There are some 500 Eta prisoners in jails, most at some distance from the Basque territory. The move appeared to be a small concession to Herri Batasuna, which has consistently campaigned against the Government's policy of "dispersal" of Eta prisoners.

The Interior Ministry disclosed yesterday that it was also "studying the possibility" of relocating a

number of hardcore terrorists from their cells in the Canary Islands, off the west coast of Africa.

The conciliatory approach of the conservative Government in Madrid — in opposition, the Popular Party had been ferociously opposed to any deals with terrorists — can be attributed to intense pressure from its Basque nationalist partners. Señor Aznar would find it difficult to govern in Madrid without parliamentary support from his Basque allies, who are intent on exploring "every civilised possibility" of dialogue

with Eta, short of "going down on its knees", as Xavier Arzallus, the PNV leader, stated yesterday. On balance, the dialogue should suit Señor Aznar. He can deflect criticism from the Right of his party by pointing to the need to keep the PNV in harness. If it fails, he can shrug his shoulders and ascribe the whole initiative to the Basque nationalists as well.

However the process develops, there appears to have been more positive activity in the last week than under 13 years of Socialist rule. As a spokesman for the Government said yesterday, "the

pelota is in Eta's court, and they would be foolish to waste it".

Blocking tactics: The Socialists nationally have threatened to vote against entry into Nato's new command structure if the Atlantic alliance does not first disband GIBMED, its command in Gibraltar. GIBMED has long been a source of friction between Nato and Spain, and has been one of the reasons why Madrid has persistently resisted integration into the alliance's command structure. But Señor Aznar's administration is committed in principle to further integration with Nato.

Fears grow over Yeltsin's health after TV appeal

FROM RICHARD BEESTON
IN MOSCOW AND
MARTIN FLETCHER
IN WASHINGTON

A TIRED and frail President Yeltsin emerged yesterday after several days' absence to make a final appeal to his compatriots to support his re-election bid when polls open tomorrow to decide who will rule Russia.

In a brief televised address, the visibly ailing Russian leader told voters that they faced a watershed decision either to support his reformist policies or choose to return to the darkest days of communism. "On election day, you will vote not only for Yeltsin or [his rival Communist Party leader Gennadi] Zyuganov," said the 65-year-old Kremlin boss. "You will vote on the future for yourself, for the future of your children."

Although the message was the same as countless other campaign speeches, the authority and confidence which once characterised President Yeltsin had disappeared from his delivery. He looked drawn, stiff and at one point shifted uncomfortably in his seat.

After the broadcast, a key backer of Mr Zyuganov described Mr Yeltsin as a "living corpse" and suggested that the Kremlin should put off the run-off election and allow the President to recover. Stanislav Govorukhin, a Communist MP, said: "We haven't seen him for several days and today they showed us a painted mummy as if they had just got it from the mausoleum. They are suggesting we vote for a living corpse."

For President Yeltsin, who recently went down a coal mine, danced at a pop concert and shook the hands of hundreds of his supporters during months of campaigning, the two-minute prepared text seemed to stretch his physical resources to the limit. At no point in yesterday's Kremlin



film was he seen standing. Kremlin aides insisted that the Russian leader was only suffering the after-effects of a cold and was working normally at his office. Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, predicted that Mr Yeltsin may have suffered another cardiac problem similar to his two heart attacks last year.

"I noticed no sign of an attack," he said. "The President grabbed my right hand in a handshake and nearly tore it off. Don't worry, everything is all right." However,

Chechenia peace 'near collapse'

Southern Chechenia: Shamil Basayev, a Chechen field commander and the rebel most feared by many in Russia, criticised a peace plan signed with Moscow, saying he was sure the 18-month conflict would go on. In a mountain hideaway on Sunday, he said Russia "didn't want peace at all".

Under the plan, Russia will remove troops by September 1 and free elections will be held. But the Chechen government said on Saturday that the agreement was near collapse because Russia was dragging its feet on pullouts and failing to dismantle checkpoints. (Reuters)

the attempt to calm public unease did not convince Mr Zyuganov who, in his final campaign press conference, rounded on President Yeltsin and accused him of being physically not up to his job. "The point is that on the eve of the decisive second round of voting, the head of state, seeking another term, is keeping away from the public. He is not to be seen or heard. This is very alarming."

He added: "A claim to the presidency is being made by someone who has undergone ten courses of medical treatment over the past two years and who spent five months in the hospital bed last year alone. And this at a time when the country itself is on the verge of a heart attack, when urgent measures are required to improve its health."

In Washington, it was disclosed that three American political strategists have been secretly working in Moscow on President Yeltsin's re-election campaign. The Washington Post said yesterday that the three veteran Republicans — George Gorton, a top strategist for Governor Pete Wilson of California; Dick Dresner, a New York pollster; and Joe Shumate, a polling analyst — have been holed up in the President Hotel, Mr Yeltsin's campaign headquarters, for the past month. But a spokesman for Mr Yeltsin called the report "a damn lie" and insisted there were "no foreigners here, not a single one". However, the Post contacted all three men in their rooms at the hotel but none would discuss their work.

The political fallout from President Yeltsin's physical ailments is hard to predict. The last polls to be released before election day showed the Russian leader enjoyed a comfortable lead over his Communist challenger, but most pundits predict the final result will be very close.

Some voting is already tak-



President Yeltsin at a meeting yesterday in the presidential palace in Moscow

ing place in remote parts of Russia and at Russian missions abroad. One unofficial result from the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan showed that President Yeltsin had won about 70 per cent of the 654 votes cast in Russia's Central Asian neighbour.

But back on Russian soil, that result will be hard to match, particularly since the Kremlin is fighting voter apathy and election overkill. Even among some of Mr Yeltsin's strongest supporters there was an admission that the advantage had clearly shifted to the Communist challenger.

Vitali Tretyakov, editor of the *Nezavisimaya Gazeta*,

whose newspaper, like the bulk of Russia's media, has been fully behind President Yeltsin, wrote yesterday that the steam had gone out of the Kremlin's re-election campaign. "The President's team, analysts and campaign managers are in a stupor," he said. "All this gives the impression that the initiative is not within the grasp of the man who won the first round, by however small a margin."

London: President Yeltsin's public absence is worrying Western fund managers who are looking hard at investments in Russian equities after making astronomical returns from what has been the

best performing stockmarket this year. One London-based fund manager said: "It was inevitable that Yeltsin's health would re-emerge as an issue in Russian politics, but it really is hopeless to try to second-guess what is really going on in the Kremlin."

Foreign investors have scrambled to position themselves for a Yeltsin win. But the market shuddered when he failed to turn up at a campaign meeting on Friday.

Foreign investors own up to \$1.5 billion (£974 million) of Russian equities which account for a large part of the daily \$30 million share turnover in Moscow. (Reuters)

Bonn ministers do battle over defence cuts

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE pressure to cut public spending and meet the entry criteria for a European single currency is pitting Germany's Cabinet ministers against each other in one of the fiercest budget rows for years.

Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, has accused Volker Rühe, the Defence Minister, of endangering the introduction of the euro because of swollen military budgets. Herr Rühe is hinting that the proposed cuts could jeopardise important Franco-German arms projects and even, perhaps, the multinational Eurofighter. Euro or the Eurofighter? The alternative may not be quite so stark but there is no doubt that Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, will have to pull apart his feuding ministers and make some hard choices within the next few days.

Herr Waigel is looking for federal cuts of DM7 billion (£2.9 billion) in order to throttle back new public borrowing and stay in line with the Maastricht criteria during 1997, the selection year for monetary union candidates. He wants Herr Rühe to come up with DM2.5 billion worth of savings.

But the defence budget has been shrinking rapidly since German unification in 1990 and army planners are concerned that they will be left with a gaping hole.

The row came to a head last week. The burly Defence Minister visited his Cabinet colleague at the Finance Ministry. According to reliable versions of the meeting, Herr Rühe claimed that the whole idea of a conscript army was under threat. "If you want another kind of army, perhaps you'd better let me know," he told the Finance Minister.

One version of the argument, reported yesterday by *Der Spiegel*, depicts the Defence Minister as mocking Herr Waigel who had earlier pleaded for the survival of a small tank storage depot,

which happens to be in the Finance Minister's constituency in Bavaria. "That's what I like to hear — fighting for every little job at home and then chopping billions from my budget," Herr Rühe is reported as saying. "And where else am I supposed to get the money? I don't have anything else to cut," came the reply.

The Defence Minister left the meeting in a rage. His first move was to send a memo to Herr Kohl and suggest that some of the Chancellor's most cherished projects could be scrapped. Given the scope of the requested cuts, he wrote, a range of Franco-German defence projects might have to go: the Tiger combat helicopter, a new transport helicopter, a joint spy satellite, and maybe even the Eurofighter, which has survived wave after wave of spending cutbacks.

The Chancellor recently appealed to President Chirac to keep some endangered Franco-German projects alive and it would be a serious embarrassment for Herr Kohl to have to dump the Franco-German Helios satellite, Herr Rühe also stuck pins in the Finance Minister by suggesting that there was no need to build new German transport helicopters.

These could be bought from the Americans. Herr Rühe said in his clenching argument. There is the rub — the main casualty from such a cut would be not only relations with Paris, but also Daimler-Benz Aerospace which, as it happens, is based in Herr Waigel's native Bavaria.

Cuts in the Eurofighter project would also cost jobs in Bavaria and cause a loss of face with the other members of the consortium, Britain, Italy and Spain. Herr Kohl has to bring order before a Cabinet meeting next week. In the meantime, the two powerful ministers are locked in the political equivalent of trench warfare.

Karadzic 'trick' frustrates West

BY STACY SULLIVAN IN SARAJEVO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

WILLIAM PERRY, the American Defence Secretary, admitted yesterday that Washington was still trying to decide how best to secure the removal of the renegade Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, from all political influence.

Only a day after Carl Bildt, the international mediator, announced that Dr Karadzic had resigned as President of the Bosnian Serb Republic under the threat of renewed economic sanctions, officials from Mr Bildt's office conceded that they had been tricked and that the indicted war criminal remained in charge.

Although Dr Karadzic signed a piece of paper saying that he was handing over his presidential duties to Biljana Plavsic, his headline Vice-President, he had not relinquished his title, nor his grip on power.

"This is not what we have

asked the leadership in Pale for," said Michael Steiner, Mr Bildt's deputy. "We wanted him to step down from all positions affecting public life. This simply is not good enough."

Mr Perry, meanwhile, told a news conference in Rome that Dr Karadzic's statement was a "first step", but added: "It should not, and must not, be a last step."

"We will see what it amounts to in practice," Mr Perry said when asked about the announcement. "It is my view that more must be done. It has to be clear that Karadzic is out of power and unable to influence events in the country."

Asked what more should be done, Mr Perry said follow-up action would be determined after it became clear what the announcement meant.

"That will become clear in

the days ahead, and as it becomes clear we can make a better decision about what the next steps will be," he added.

Nevertheless, Dr Karadzic's half-way measure seems to have worked. Officials from Mr Bildt's office acknowledged that Dr Karadzic's letter would be enough to stave off the threatened sanctions.

The threat that Dr Karadzic would be arrested by the Nato force also seem to have come to naught. After Anthony Lake, the US National Security Adviser, said US troops would arrest Dr Karadzic "on sight", Nato officials in Sarajevo said such tough talk did not reflect a change in Nato policy on war criminals.

"The troops have already been given orders to arrest on sight — that's exactly the orders they've had all along," said Major Simon Haselock, a Nato spokesman.

Admiral Leighton Smith, the commander of Nato forces in Bosnia, said: "We will do everything within our power to see Dr Karadzic removed from any position of power."

But when asked if that meant Nato troops could now seek out Dr Karadzic in his stronghold in the village of Pale, a spokesman for the admiral said Nato policy had not changed.

Mr Perry is bound for Sarajevo for talks with Bosnian leaders and a visit to Nato troops in northern Bosnia who have been criticised for not having been indicted by the war crimes tribunal in The Hague. □ Mostar: Bosnia's main Muslim governing party will wield a slight majority over separatist Croats on a new city council here after European Union-sponsored elections, officials said. (Reuters)



Tapie: five-year ban on managing business

Tapie gets suspended sentence

Béthune: Bernard Tapie, 53, the French former Cabinet Minister, was given a two-year suspended jail sentence after his third fraud conviction in less than a year.

He was also fined Fr300,000 (£39,000) and was banned from managing a business for five years for misappropriating funds from Testut, a company that was once part of his now defunct business empire.

Tapie, who is appealing against an eight-month jail term for rigging a football match when chairman of Olympique Marseilles, and a six-month term for tax fraud over a luxury yacht, will not appeal against this latest sentence. (Reuters)

Red letter day as Kohl drops his h's

BY ROGER BOYES

THE determination of Helmut Kohl to shake German a match for English and Russian took a leap forward yesterday with the first big spelling reform since 1901.

The letter "h" will be dropped from spaghetti, rheumatism and yoghurt, some commas have become optional, and many foreign words will be Germanised: ketchup, for instance, becomes ketschup. The changes, which came into effect yesterday, end 12 years of simmering argument among linguists from Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Schools will introduce the new rules after the summer holidays. Textbooks are now being amended and reissued at a cost of about £600,000. The point is to make the German language simpler and more phonetic.

In a recent speech to the Goethe

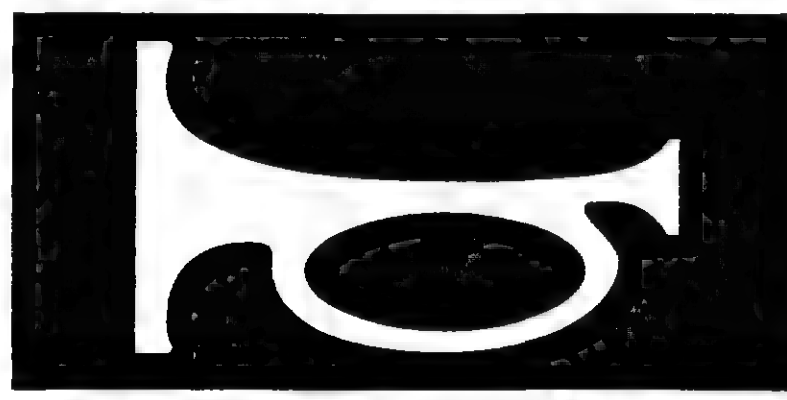
Institute, Germany's equivalent of the British Council, Herr Kohl, the German Chancellor, urged teachers to concentrate on spreading the German language in Central and Eastern Europe as well as the states of the former Soviet Union. This, he said, was not purely a question of economics, and it certainly was not "German linguistic imperialism". Rather, it was necessary to create mutual understanding if a united Europe were to be more than a loose group of interests and more than a free-trade zone.

Making German easier to learn fits into this strategy. It has always been a phonetic language, but many foreign words have crept in and muddled the rules. "Write as you speak," was the guideline set by Johan Christoph Adelung in the 18th century and it became the rule for the Prussian school

system. But what is one to make of tomato ketchup?

Some languages, such as Norwegian, have successfully adapted lone words to their own. In Norwegian, for instance, the word for ketchup is *sjåfetter*, chocolate *sjokolade*, and breakfast *brekkdags*. The Norwegian Language Council launched this with little fuss, but German linguists have been through years of hard bargaining.

There was a strong lobby in East Germany for writing nouns with a lower-case rather than a capital letter. Unification in 1990 put paid to that, however, because West Germans are very attached to their capitals. Some dukes can now be written with a small letter but, in the end, only 185 out of about 12,000 German words have been changed. More markedly, along with the many aitches dropped, the sign for a double "s" is to go,



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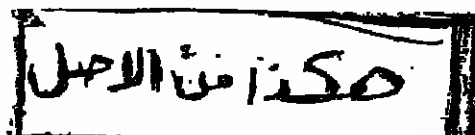
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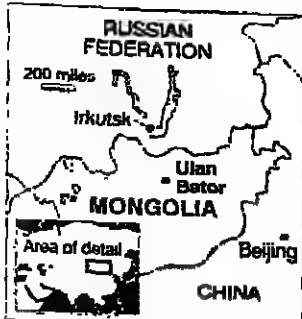
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Mongolian voters end 75 years of communist rule

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING



AGAINST all predictions, Mongolia has voted resoundingly for the democratic opposition, ending 75 years of control by Communists and their heirs.

"Now we'll have a truly democratic government, and we'll improve the lives of the people," said Gonchigdorj, leader of the democratic coalition, after most of the results of Sunday's election were declared yesterday.

In what diplomats in Ulan Bator saw as a resounding vote for change in this second post-communist election, the general election committee announced that the opposition Democratic Union Coalition had won 48 out of 71 seats so far declared for the 76-seat Great Hural, or parliament.

The ruling Mongolian Revolutionary People's Party (MPPR), the former Communists, had won 23 seats, as opposed to 70 held in the outgoing parliament. Results for the final five seats had yet to be compiled, election officials said. There was a turnout of more than 90 per cent.

The general secretary of the MPPR fell to a virtual unknown from the democratic coalition, which is composed of the National Democratic Party (NDP), which won 33 seats, and the Social Democratic Party (SDP) which took 12 seats. These parties have historically been rivals and their coalition is a marriage of convenience which will now have to be sustained in power.

Non-party candidates in the coalition won three seats.

"This is the choice of the nation," said an official at MPPR headquarters, in the nearest ruling party came to conceding defeat.

Opposition candidates said the results surpassed their most optimistic predictions. Earlier, they had said they would be content to win a third of the seats. Jubilant opposition supporters danced, hugged each other and wept.

In the 1992 elections, the opposition gained six seats. However, foreign envoys said the democratic coalition, which campaigned for faster economic liberalisation and political reform, had its work cut out, given its lack of administrative experience and the parlous state of the economy in this vast nation of 2.4 million mainly nomadic people, who live in a country the size of Western Europe with vast herds of sheep, goats, cows, camels and horses.

In 1921 a revolutionary gov-

ernment came to power in Ulan Bator with help from the young Soviet Union, and the Mongolian People's Republic was proclaimed in 1924. It had bloody purges in the 1930s.

Moscow's tutelage at least prevented Mongolia becoming like Inner Mongolia and Tibet, part of China. But with the Soviet collapse, Moscow's grip on its remote satellite was broken. In the past few years, Mongolians have rediscovered their magnificent history, and portraits of Genghis Khan, executed by the former communist regime, are everywhere and an Ulan Bator hotel and a Mongolian vodka are named after him.

A 1994 United Nations report said that privatisation in Mongolia had failed to create an environment in which the market mechanism could operate efficiently, and the transition to a market economy has led to inflation, shortages and unemployment. About 22 per cent of the people live below the poverty line and the average wage is £23 a month.

Yet the situation has recently begun to improve in this mineral-rich country, with increased foreign investment.

"I thought we would never see this victory," said an elderly man who was among the group of pro-democracy hunger strikers whose massive street protests helped to end one-party communist rule in 1990.

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Ulan Bator's love affair with Britain

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

MONGOLIA and Britain have been conducting a long-distance, tentative, love affair since 1953, when Britain opened the first Western embassy in Ulan Bator.

The new Mongolian Government now has another reason to pursue a growing passion for Britain: President Ochirbat, who won the presidential election of June 1993 as a candidate for the democratic coalition, was fêted when he visited Britain in April. A

guest of Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, he met John Major, Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, and had an audience with the Queen.

A royal connection with Ulan Bator already existed because the Princess Royal and Commander Tim Laurance paid an official visit to Mongolia weeks after Mr Ochirbat was elected. The country's appetite for all things British has become

apparent in schools this year. Russian has been demoted in favour of English.

Trade is still modest; Britain imported nearly £2 million worth of goods from the sparsely populated country last year, and exported £3 million in return - about 15 per cent up on the previous year. But Mongolians hope for greater trade links and British companies are reportedly beginning to show an interest in investing.



Hillary Clinton meets child Aids patients at a Bucharest hospital yesterday. The treatment programme was set up by a British charity

How Hillary keeps head above Whitewater

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON AND SEAN HILLEN IN BUCHAREST

PLAGUED by perpetual scandal, Hillary Clinton is taking secret strolls outside the White House, searching the inner depths of her Christian faith and consulting a close coterie of female friends in an attempt to remain cheerful.

The First Lady can be seen walking silently through the streets of Georgetown, the middle-class district of Washington where her daughter Chelsea is at school, free of the usual entourage of aides and the press corps. A respectfully distant team of Secret Service agents provides the sole clue to the identity of a woman almost unrecognisable in scarf and dark glasses.

White House aides say that her incognito walks to deliver Chelsea to Sidwell Friends School, and amble to the Corcoran Gallery and the National Zoo are part of a personal strategy to keep Mrs Clinton's head above the morass of Whitewater. "Travelogue", "Filegate" and "Gurugate". "Seeing" lots of ordinary people helps her keep things in perspective," one of Mrs Clinton's close friends told *Newsweek* yesterday. After one recent school visit, the First Lady and a friend bought lemonade from a five-

year-old and an apparently ebullient Mrs Clinton returned to the White House with the words: "It felt so normal."

Always a target for Republicans, her life has been anything but normal in recent months. She has been accused of hiding documents relating to the

'The First Lady can be seen walking silently through the streets, free of the usual entourage of aides and press'

failed Whitewater land venture, cited as the architect of the sacking of seven officials in the White House Travel Office and alleged to have hired Craig Livingstone, the security chief who illegally collated FBI background files on more than 400 Republicans.

Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel on Whitewater, is closing in

on Mrs Clinton and, to make matters worse, she is now being portrayed as a New Age matron under the spell of Jean Houston, the self-styled Svengali of the baby boomers.

Her closest friends have apparently rallied behind the First Lady in her times of trouble. They include the "bracelet people", a group of eight women who gave Mrs Clinton a birthday charm inscribed with each of their initials in 1993. Even among their number, however, there is little solace to be found. Linda Bloodworth-Thomason, the Hollywood producer, is the wife of Harry Thomason, the man believed to have prompted the Travel Office sackings, and Diane Blair, a political scientist, is married to the man who helped Mrs Clinton to earn a suspiciously fast \$100,000 in cattle futures back in Arkansas.

The First Lady was able yesterday to forget her worries temporarily as thousands of Romanians crowded the centre of Bucharest to welcome her on a ten-day visit to seven countries in Eastern Europe to pay tribute to the efforts of charities and other aid agencies.

Mrs Clinton said that, although it had only been six years since the fall of

communism, "progress is obvious, reflecting the tremendous efforts that have been made". Among the stops on the First Lady's tour were Colentina Hospital in Bucharest where about 100 children are being treated for Aids, after a series of projects were established by Health Aid UK. The British-based charity has trained Romanian staff, set up homes for the children and supplied the hospital with medications and other materials.

Mrs Clinton was later due to meet President Iliescu at Cotroceni Palace and also visited the grave of Corneliu Coposu, the Romanian dissident and opposition leader who died recently.

On her solitary trip Mrs Clinton will have her strong Christian faith as a prop. "It's a driving force within her," said Dan Thomason, Harry's brother and Mrs Clinton's optometrist in Arkansas. Mr Thomason, a songwriter who pens Christian music, recently wrote a hymn and dedicated it to the First Lady when she visited the state earlier this year.

"I was lost, then you came and found me," he sang. "Take my hand, stay by me." When Mr Thomason took her to the airport, Mrs Clinton whispered in his ear: "Stay by me."

Vietnamese party keeps old guard

FROM REUTERS IN HANOI

VIETNAM'S Communist Party wrapped up its eighth congress yesterday with a revamped leadership, a discordant brass-band fanfare, and obedient applause from 1,200 weary delegates.

Do Muoi, 79, was re-elected general secretary at the head of an expanded 19-member politburo. Also retained were President Le Duc Anh, 75, and Vo Van Kiet, 73, the Prime Minister. Their positions will have to be ratified by the National Assembly, but the decision to keep them in the politburo means that they continue alongside Mr Muoi as the country's leadership triumvirate.

In a bizarre twist of party logic, Nguyen Dinh Tu, who died last Friday, was included on the new politburo list.

Congress delegates approved, as expected, a policy blueprint charting Vietnam's course into the 21st century. The five-year government plan endorses continuation of a reform process begun in the late 1980s, but with emphasis on national security and other measures aimed at ensuring firm state control.

Although a veteran revolutionary, Mr Muoi is seen as an important stabilising factor in a political landscape teeming with hardliners, the military, reformers and technocrats.

Netanyahu nanny loses job 'over burnt soup'

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

BINYAMIN NETANYAHU yesterday paid the price of being Israel's first populist Prime Minister when his sacked nanny went to the media. It was a Cinderella tale that dominated the Hebrew press and army radio.

South African-born Tanya Shaw, 21, a new immigrant to Israel, alleged that Mr Netanyahu's third wife, Sara, a former El Al stewardess who played a leading role in his election campaign in May, threw her out on the street and called her a "murderer" after a row over burnt soup.

The dispute cast an unexpected shadow over his trip to Washington next week. His two sons, Yair, five, and Avner, 18 months, are to travel with him and Sara and the nanny had been scheduled to look after them.

Maariv on its front page yesterday asked: "Why was the nanny... sacked yesterday? Did she pose a security threat, as was claimed by the Prime Minister's office, or was it because she let the soup burn, thus stirring the wrath of Sara Netanyahu?"

The nanny, thrown out of the Netanyahu's home by a guard, claimed that Mrs Netanyahu screamed at her "every day". She told army radio that Sara, 35, was obsessed with cleanliness, making her wash her hands repeatedly.

"Serious journalism should not be occupied with things like this, especially because it is only the word of the person who it is clear is a bit disturbed," the Prime Minister's new communications director, David Bar-Ilan, a former editor of the *Jerusalem Post*, told the radio. His interviewer asked: "She is a little disturbed, you say?" Mr Bar-Ilan: "I do not know. I have no idea. I do not know her."

The interviewer claimed that since Mr Netanyahu's campaign and presidential style of office had thrust his wife and their two children



Tanya Shaw: thrown out

into the limelight, the media was obliged to cover his family life to the same degree.

When Miss Shaw was asked if she was disturbed, she said: "If anybody is unstable it is her [Sara]... If I am so unstable, could she let me be with her children for six months?" Miss Shaw said when "Sara screamed at her" she had said: "Well, maybe I should go, I am giving you two weeks' notice. Sara said: 'Because you are leaving my children, you are like a murderer'."

An argument flared again and Sara Netanyahu ordered her out. Miss Shaw told the radio: "I was crying and I said to her: 'But what about my things?' She said: 'Get out, and if you want your clothes you must give me 5,000 shekels [£1,000]. She also had my passport because I was meant to go to America." The demand for money was linked to a contract penalty clause.

Miss Shaw said she returned to the house and a guard handed her the passport. She returned again to find her bags "thrown" by the gate. Miss Shaw told *Maariv* that the Prime Minister's wife, who has been accused of playing an imperious role in the "Hillary Clinton" fashion, had removed from her belongings all photographs showing her with Mr Netanyahu.

Rich pickings for Asian billionaires

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

ASIA is fast challenging America's title as the "billionaire belt" of the globe, according to the latest survey of grade one plutocrats.

Two Americans, Bill Gates, of Microsoft computers, and market speculator Warren Buffett, headed the annual *Forbes* magazine list of billionaires. Their fortunes are worth \$18 billion (£11.7 billion) and \$15.3 billion respectively. In third place was a Swiss, Paul Sacher, of Roche pharmaceuticals. But Asians accounted for five of the ten richest men in the world. Of the 447 billionaires identified by *Forbes*, 123 are from Asia.

"It's Asia's turn," said the magazine, noting that the continent which was

"largely a backward area at the end of the Second World War is now home to more than one in four of the world's great fortunes". The richest Asian was said to be Lee Shau-kee, a Hong Kong property tycoon with \$12.7 billion to his name.

In a list of the world's richest families, Britain's food business managed to supply the 49th-placed Sainsburys, with \$4.1 billion, and the 51st-placed Garry Westons with \$3.3 billion.

The richest family in the world, with \$22.9 billion, is the Waltons, owners of the Wal-Mart shops in America. Worldwide sales of chocolate bars helped the Mars family to second place, with \$12 billion.

In the family stakes, Hong Kong property again provided boom stories. The Kwok Brothers are estimated to have

\$11.2 billion, the Cheng Yu-tung have built a fortune of \$5.5 billion, the Fongs (Teng and Robert Ng) have \$5.2 billion and tiny, pig-tailed Nina Wong and her estate have \$3.3 billion. There are 20 billionaire fortunes in Hong Kong, which next year will come under Communist Chinese rule.

The richest woman in the world, according to the survey, is Liliane Bettencourt, heir to the make-up empire of L'Oréal. She is worth \$5 billion.

Old American money names are still to be found, but many are less prominent than they were. The pharmaceutical du Ponts are still riding high with \$10 billion, but the Rockefellers must these days make do with \$6.2 billion, and the Kochs are worth only \$3.6 billion, \$0.4 billion more than the Tisch brothers.

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When yellow signals danger for a baby

Jaundice in the newborn is sometimes far from harmless

SERIOUS liver disease in newborn babies is quite rare, which is just as well for the babies and their parents as we — doctors, midwives and nurses — are not good at diagnosing it.

The probable reason why so many cases of liver disease in babies are missed until too late is that jaundice is so very common in newborn children that there is a natural but sometimes lethal inclination to "wait and see".

Nine out of ten babies become jaundiced on the second, third or fourth day after delivery. Their complexion is not necessarily bright yellow or muddy green, as is seen in cases of jaundice witnessed in adult life. At first sight the baby looks as if it has a Mediterranean tan. Only when the whites of its eyes and its

breast-fed babies are no less likely than bottle-fed ones to have serious liver disease, this jaundice needs assessing after the fourteenth day by means of a simple test on the baby's urine. In both these forms of benign jaundice, the urine should be free of the bilirubin pigment and of a variable colour, not always dark yellow but sometimes as pale as water.

The indications that jaundice in a baby needs immediate explanation, even if the baby is putting on weight, eating voraciously and appears to be thriving, are if the yellow skin colour lasts for more than 14 days, if the motions are unusually pale, if the urine is always very yellow and never colourless, or if the baby bleeds or bruises easily.

The Children's Liver Disease Foundation recently met at the House of Commons to discuss the latest report on the condition. It made depressing reading for, despite an average of two learned papers on neonatal jaundice appearing in doctors' journals each year for the past 15 years, all of which



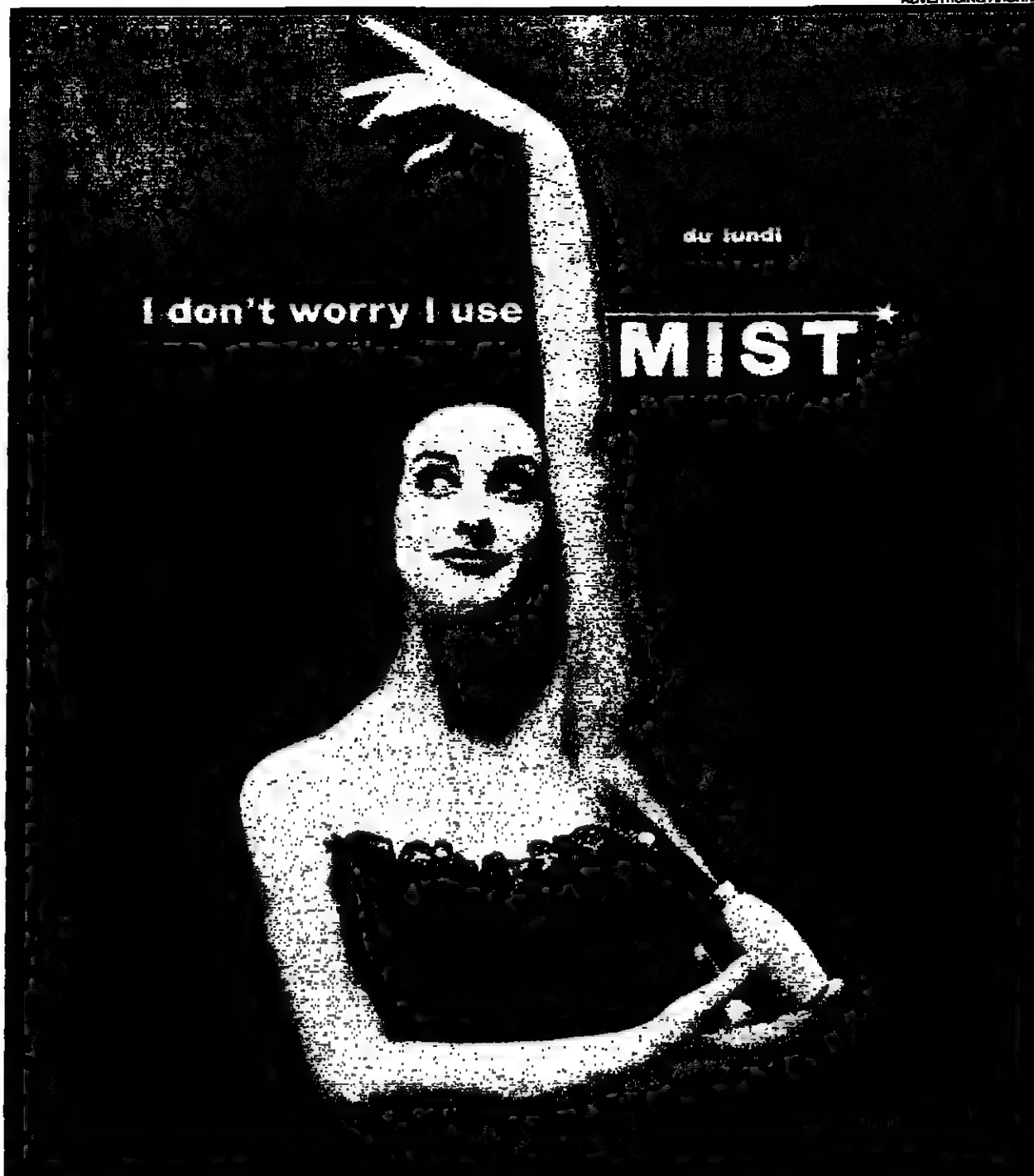
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stressed the need for early testing and referral to specialists of jaundiced babies, most were still being referred too late to achieve good results.

Catherine Arkley, the director of the foundation, has good reason to campaign for improved diagnosis. One of her four children suffered from atresia — obstruction of an underdeveloped bile duct. Although her son was seen at three weeks by a paediatrician, surgery was not undertaken until after eight weeks. It was not a success, and the baby died at nine months.

Specialist surgeons need to operate on babies before they are eight weeks old. Unfortunately surgery takes time to arrange so the sooner the child reaches one of England's two supra-regional centres for paediatric liver disease — the Birmingham Children's Hospital and King's College Hospital, London — the greater the chance of recovery.

The sad statistic is that in the first four years of life, liver disease still causes more deaths than either leukaemia or cystic fibrosis. The cost, whether in terms of family misery or NHS expenditure, is enormous.



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Burial: \$4,666. Hamburger: \$4. Knickers: three pairs for \$5.60. Deodorant stick: \$1.98. Made-to-measure man's suit: \$600. Boarding school, annual fee: \$14,000 for 12-year-old child. Live-in nanny: £200 a week. Maid: £165 a week (five-hour day, five-day week). Weekly supermarket bill for family of four: £145. Medium family car: £9,420. 20 cigarettes: £1.50. Pint of beer: £3. Bottle of wine: £6.

RUSSIA

Burial: £385. Hamburger: 76p. Knickers: £2.50. Deodorant:

From school fees to the price of a burger — Day Two of a breakdown of living costs around the world

£1.90. Suit: £166. School fees: £9,000. Nanny: £80. Maid: £48. Grocery bill: £64. Car: £5,128. Cigarettes: 5p. Beer: 5p. Wine: £2.60.

ITALY

Burial: £1,270. Hamburger: £2.50. Groceries: £100. Knickers: £5. Deodorant: £6. Suit: £850. School fees: £8,000. Nanny: £192. Maid: £125. Car: £14,680. Cigarettes: £2.10. Beer: £3.40. Wine: £3.

BRAZIL

Burial: £263-£2,083. Hamburger: £2. Groceries: £83. Knickers: £3.50. Deodorant: £1.60. Suit: £320. School fees: £2,304. Nanny: £196. Maid: £105. Car: £11,805. Cigarettes: £2.34. Beer: £3.74. Wine: £9.36.

SWITZERLAND

Burial: £1,300. Hamburger: £1.60. Groceries: £188. Knickers: £7. Deodorant: £3. Suit: £450. School fees: £750-£900 (not boarding). Nanny: £450. Maid: £310. Car: £13,200. Cigarettes: £1.95. Beer: £1.75. Wine: £4.

PORTUGAL

Burial: £534-£1,150. Hamburger: 62p. Groceries: £205. Knickers: £3.70. Deodorant: £1.23. Suit: £329. School fees: American school, £7,874. British school, £9,241. Local school, £2,100. Nanny: £82. Maid: £92. Car: £7,693. Cigarettes: £1.31. Beer: £1.64. Wine: £2.46.

SPAIN

Burial: £1,000. Hamburger: £2. Groceries: £150. Knickers: £7. Deodorant: £3. Suit: £350. School fees: £750. Nanny: £150. Maid: £112. Car: £17,000. Cigarettes: £1.60. Beer: £1. Wine: £2.

INDIA

Burial: £20. Hamburger: £2. Groceries: £40. Knickers: £1. Deodorant: £2. Suit: £100. School fees: £480. Nanny: £10. Maid: £6. Car: £11,000. Cigarettes: 60p. Beer: 50p. Wine: 18p.

NORWAY

Burial: £1,000. Hamburger:

£4.50. Groceries: £85. Knickers: £4.50. Deodorant: £2.80. Suit: £110. School fees (only one private school, a sixth-form crammer, in country): £3,200. Nanny (student): £35, plus board. Maid: £200. Car: £18,000. Cigarettes: £4.50. Beer: £3.70. Wine: £12.

MALAYSIA

Burial: £2,000. Hamburger: £1. Groceries: £100. Knickers: £4. Deodorant: £2. Suit: £100. School fees: £3,000. Nanny: £50. Maid: £50. Car: £25,000. Cigarettes: £1. Beer: £2. Wine: £10.

CANADA

Burial: £2,000. Hamburger: 75p. Groceries: £75. Knickers: £5. Deodorant: £1.10. Suit: £300. School fees: £4,800. Very few pay fees, as the state schools are excellent. Nanny: £140. Maid: £200. Car: £10,000. Cigarettes: £1.40. Beer: 55p. Wine: £5.

NEW ZEALAND

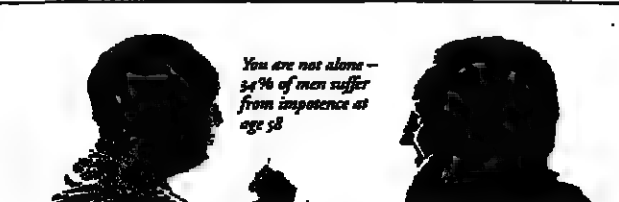
Burial: £2,500. Hamburger: £1.50. Groceries: £80. Knickers: £6. Deodorant: £2. Suit: £350. School fees (very few private schools): £6,000. Nanny: £250 (or a student for £40 pocket money). Maid: £125. Car: £12,000. Cigarettes: £2.50. Beer: £1.40. Wine: £8.

FRANCE

Burial: £1,500. Hamburger: £2.30. Groceries: £244. Knickers: £4.30. Deodorant: £2.30. Suit: £244. School fees: £3,245. Nanny: £100. Maid: £81. Car: £12,170. Cigarettes: £1.50. Beer: £2.45. Wine: £3.80.

GREECE

Burial: £1,000. Hamburger: £2.30. Groceries: £244. Knickers: £4.30. Deodorant: £2.30. Suit: £244. School fees: £3,245. Nanny: £100. Maid: £81. Car: £12,170. Cigarettes: £1.50. Beer: £2.45. Wine: £3.80.



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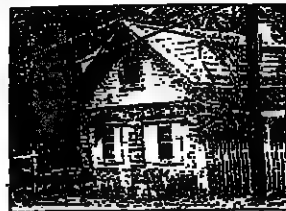
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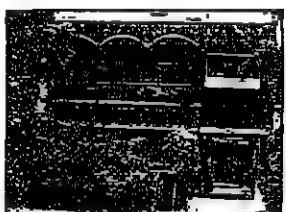
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House in Nizamuddin East 3 beds, 1 recep, study, 3 baths, kitchen, servant quarters. Special feature: Middle-class New Delhi neighbourhood.



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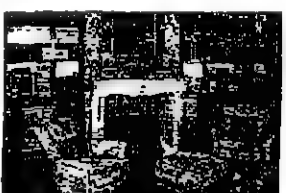
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My six magic moments

Terry Venables picks his high spots from Euro 96 and tells Robert Crampton his strategies as the England coach

Besides the short-term goal, so narrowly missed, of trying to win Euro 96, Terry Venables had two longer-term aims for his stint as England coach. Both aims centred on forcing the English game to grow up, both aims were achieved and, in the years to come, both achievements may well prove to be more durably glittering prizes than the trophy Germany won on Sunday.

On the pitch, after the less than glorious reign of his predecessor Graham Taylor—whose emphasis on industry saw England sink to 24 in the world rankings—Terry wanted to restore international respect for the nation that invented the game. The modernisation was to be achieved by bringing in flexible, intelligent players in the sort of fluid system he so admired in the Dutch team, Ajax, probably the best club side in the world. His thinking came to fruition, ironically, in the 4-1 demolition of Holland. "We pulled Holland as far round the pitch that night as they normally pull other people," he says. "It's particularly satisfying, if you are a coach, if that sort of thing comes together."

His tactics for off-pitch errandisation were more consensual. He sought to build beneath a liberal management regime appropriate to the 21st century. This primarily involved treating players as grown-ups and was most evident in his moderate indulgence of the players' traditional thirst quencher and relaxant of choice.

"The Germans have jugs of beer in their diet, the French, Spanish and Italians have wine. I've said to the team not drinking at all through the week, not one, and nobody did. But after the Switzerland game I gave them 36 hours at home, and a couple of them have been seen out having a few beers, and been slated. The other countries just laugh at us when that happens."

So does he think we have an immature attitude to alcohol? "Oh it's just hopeless," he sighs. "These stupid articles were putting pressure on the players. Did he cancel plans or other furloughs? "No, the games were coming quicker then. I wouldn't change anything if I could do it again. It's important the players feel



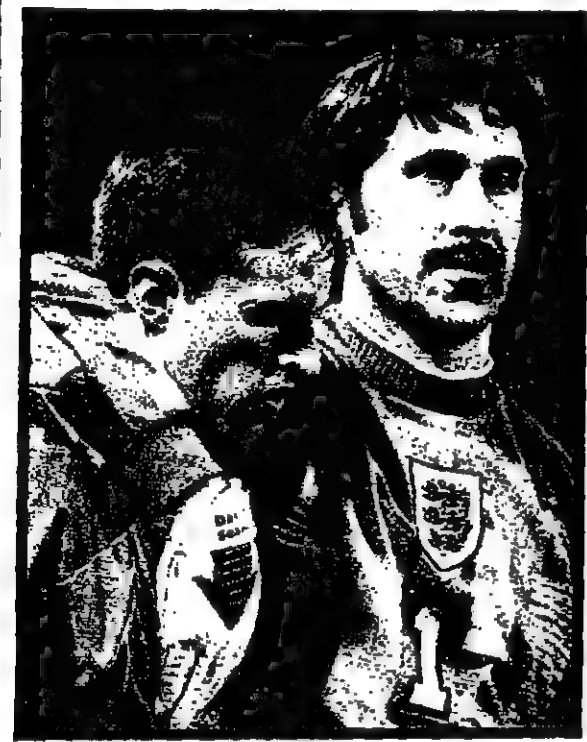
LEFT: The team photograph before the quarter-final. Venables said: "We were conscious of what we could give people from day one. Everyone talks about greedy players but no one can accuse these players of doing it for the money. They did it because they wanted to."



CENTRE: Stuart Pearce celebrates his penalty in the quarter-final shoot-out against Spain. "Pearcey showed six years of emotion in this moment, six years coming out of his head. I hope I'm there when Gareth Southgate puts one away for England or Aston Villa."



RIGHT: Paul Gascoigne celebrates his goal against Scotland with Teddy Sheringham. "I admired Gascoigne's goal as a spectator, never mind as a coach. I could never have done that as a player. I could never do anything at pace. It was absolutely top-class."



LEFT: David Seaman consoles Gareth Southgate after his penalty miss. "Such a sad moment, I didn't believe we were going to lose the game against Germany. But it was collective responsibility. You've got to have players that want to take penalties."



CENTRE: Venables consoles Southgate. "I can't remember exactly what I said, I just tried to help. He'll be saddled with this feeling of responsibility through the summer but when he gets back to training they'll all be taking the mickey and he'll laugh in spite of himself."



RIGHT: Alan Shearer celebrates one of his five goals. "We were cut off from a lot of the feeling in the country, but when you go into that stadium and it erupts with that noise, it's worth being away just for that impact. It became like a team game between us and the fans."

fresh and ready to go, that's why it was important to go away for those ten days to China and Hong Kong."

Does he regret that pre-tournament trip, held responsible for the team's lacklustre second half against the Swiss? "No. And I've not noticed any journalists saying it didn't take anything out of them. We've played two games, 120 minutes each in four or five days and no one's said 'Christ, the stamina's been outstanding'. How can you play world sport without travelling round the world? Why didn't they go somewhere a bit nearer home, like Scandinavia? "Scandinavia's too close. The supporters might have come. The one thing we didn't want was a hooligan problem. We had to travel." This seems a surprising, if pragmatic, decision.

If Terry was forced to go 6,000 miles to escape an old problem, he was also seeking to provide a new education.

The World Cup in 2002 is being played in South Korea and Japan. He wanted the players to see something of the Far East.

Terry likes to plan ahead. His squad for Euro 96 was remarkably similar to the one he picked for his first game in charge more than two years ago. His selection throughout the tournament was consistent, his ideas on tactics commendably clear.

"If you're looking for perfection, you want a team that doesn't give chances away, that makes a lot of chances itself, and that plays entertaining and exciting football. You look for talented attacking players to defend and great defenders who can attack."

What Terry did was to identify players who were good enough and then coach them to do everything, and do it as a team, and do it at the appropriate time. Something all the best teams have been doing for years. He regularly picked six or seven attack-minded players — which is why the Dutch and German games were such thrillers.

His methods sound simple. But encouraging English footballers to adopt continental tactics different from the ones their managers employ every Saturday is difficult. Encouraging them to take those tactics home and begin behaving as mature and intelligently as, say, Jürgen Klinsmann and Rudi Völler do off the pitch can be difficult, too. And encouraging a benign and mature patriotism in a West-Isle crowd is the most difficult task of all. It is almost as if Terry built a model of what it might be like to be English in the Europe of the next century — determined, goisy, passionate, but also adaptable, clever and skilful — and held it up for the country to have a look. His biggest achievement is that the country liked what it saw.

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Why Dole can't play the war card

Diane Kunz on Vietnam, the draft and class in America

Despite Whitewater, Bob Dole still trails Bill Clinton in the opinion polls. The Republican candidate has tried reinventing himself, resigning his Senate seat and renouncing his Washington identity. Nothing seems to work. Why then, has he not played the one card he does have — his record as a certified war hero? Dole may advertise his war wounds but he avoids emphasising his war service, even though it stands in total contrast to Clinton's draft dodger tag.

The explanation for this failure says little about Dole and much about the last taboo in America — the subject of class. Almost no one doing their first degree at university during the years 1968-72 served in Vietnam and very few who were pursuing post-graduate study served, either. To criticise Clinton is to denigrate most American baby boomer politicians — of both parties. Dole is trapped — the Republican glass house is as fragile as the Democratic one.

How different it was during the "good war". The Second World War-vintage draft was a virtually universal male duty. To be a "draft-dodger" was a term of opprobrium. Far more common were the young men such as George Bush who lied about their age in order to serve in the armed forces.

The outbreak of the Cold War and the shooting conflict in Korea spawned a renewed draft, which continued after the Korean War ended in 1953. In peacetime, the two years' service was an easily accepted inconvenience. Yet this draft had a difference: Washington policymakers, obsessed with the space race and Soviet-American scientific competition, allowed plentiful student deferments. Anyone doing a first degree at university was exempt from the draft, as were postgraduates.

The commitment of American ground troops to combat in Vietnam in early 1965 catapulted the draft into a prime issue in American politics. One year later, the curbing of student deferments made it topic A on university campuses. No longer could students avoid the possibility of bloodshed by spinning out their academic careers. Instead, once they received their first degree, American men could look forward to an ominous letter from their local draft board. Whatever support the Vietnam War had on campuses quickly disappeared as the prospect of an all-expenses paid trip to Saigon became a reality.

In an era where the cult of the individual had reached epic proportions, the privileged and articulate children of the upper class often concluded that it was more noble to avoid the draft than to acquiesce in a war in a faraway country of which they knew little. That much of the opposition to the war was principled in nature should not overshadow the plain fact that the university anti-war movement drew its strength from the widespread desire to avoid military service once the shooting war was on.

It is no accident that major protests against the Vietnam War coincided with the cir-

cumscribing of student deferments. From 1967 to 1973 (when Richard Nixon ended the draft) the federal government accused more than 200,000 men of draft offences, more than 25,000 were indicted and over 10,000 men fled to Canada and elsewhere. But these numbers play down the reality of draft avoidance. Far more numerous were those who supported the war as long as someone else fought it.

It turned out to be very easy to escape the draft legally. Until 1970, when the draft lottery began, anyone at university had a four-year grace period. Those with connections found various ways out. National Guard service — accepting a posting in Dad's Army-type regiments that practised at weekends and in the summer — worked, as former Vice-President Dan Quayle can attest. Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, served his country by pursuing his doctoral degree in history. President Clinton's (frank) manoeuvres are well known. Phil Gramm, a former presidential contender, taught economics. Instructively, George Bush's sons (one of whom is now Governor of Florida, another Governor of Texas) did not go to Vietnam. Only Vice-President Al Gore stands apart. With political ambitions of his own and knowing that his father, Senator Al Gore Sr., a Vietnam dove, faced a difficult campaign for re-election, Al Jr ended up in Saigon.

So who served? Contrary to legend, the army was not made up of uneducated louts but rather boasted the proud sons of the American middle and lower-middle class. Younger than Second World War draftees, usually 19 or 20, they watched, embittered, as their more fortunate peers spent their youth fulfilling themselves Stateside. High school graduates outnumbered both high school dropouts and university graduates. (Black Americans served in proportion to their numbers in the general population.) The Vietnam vets were the backbone of America — the white males who didn't make it to university and who now feel that the rapid changes in American life have disadvantaged them. These are the voters to whom Republicans successfully appealed in the 1994 election campaign. It was these angry, though no longer young, men who handed Republican control over Congress for the first time in decades.

The new crop of Republican leaders who will inherit the party after Dole's political demise want to win over these swing voters for ever. But Gingrich and company know that the draft issue will backfire. Vietnam-era draft service was a matter of class, and raising issues of class in a supposedly classless society is a recipe for disaster, particularly when most Republicans will be found wanting too. So Dole will keep silent. He, too, has become a victim of America's longest war.

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The cruelty of kindness

The RSPCA's capture by extremists is bad for animals — and country life

I used to be part of the warp and weft of national life: a proud institution with deep roots, working steadily towards better treatment for a powerless and exploited group. It sought consensus; it was fiery but fair.

This, however, was too boring for the activists. So they overran its committees, seized the initiative and incorporated impossible demands into its manifesto. In doing so they alienated swaths of its natural supporters until the proud old institution tottered. It took years for a painful, argumentative recovery to get under way, and during those years its old enemies flourished to perpetrate all the injustices which it was founded to combat.

The history of the late 20th-century Labour Party is now being uncannily repeated in the history of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. An honest institution is being hijacked by extremists: those of us who grew up in a time when decent people automatically put money on the tip-up tray of those beguiling plastic dogs now hesitate, shake our heads and pass by.

For the RSPCA has already clashed with the Charity Commissioners over its intemperate political campaigns, and yesterday this paper reported another development in the battle for its soul. This centres on a proposed rule change which would exclude supporters of field sports. The British Field Sports Association has indeed been practising "entryism": its members have been joining the RSPCA in droves. But why not? Lord Mancroft, in his letter to *The Times*, points out that its supporters form "the largest number of dog and horse owners in the country, are responsible for the management of most of Britain's wildlife and a large proportion of its farm animals — exactly, you would think, the people you want in an animal welfare charity".

The RSPCA council wants to block these 88,000 potential members by requiring applicants to sign a declaration that they "do not participate in any activity which is considered by the Society to involve avoidable suffering to animals". Note those words: "is considered by the Society". If they left those out, the RSPCA would be in the embarrassing position of chucking out anyone who eats mass-produced pork and bacon, battery eggs, farmed fish, turkey burgers, or products from dairy cows which stagger to bear the weight of

distended udders. They would have to ban users of medicines or household products involving fish-oil, the "harvesting" of which starves puffins and other seabirds. They would exclude greenfield builders, residents of new estates, non-organic arable farmers, combine-drivers who decapitate dormice and anyone with a neat striped lawn. Or a car. Or an overbred (or overfed) dog. As for all the animals who cause needless suffering to other animals, they would never get a card: it is all very well being kind to foxes or magpies, but when you have seen a shredded

populist attacks on all field sports. I cherish a particularly rich one in the *Sunday People*, where a secretary wrote to Dr Vernon Coleman complaining that her workmates ribbed her for being a hunt follower. His caring doctorly reply went: "I am delighted that your life is miserable. I hope things get worse for you. The social psychopaths who hunt wild animals are intellectually deprived, parentally challenged, bloodthirsty port louts. People like you who go out and watch are even worse." He suggested she took up bungee-jumping and omitted to tie the rope. It was the authentic voice of the animal liberator, and it was, for a while, quite popular.

Things have moved on. The field-sports lobby have got themselves together, stopped sounding like Lord Snooty and begun intelligently to make the case for their pastimes. A group of Labour supporters, galvanised by the party's commitment to ban fox-hunting, founded Leave Country Sports Alone: early supporters included David Puttnam, Jeremy Isaacs, Penny Mortimer and Sir Dennis Foreman.

In a powerful *Open Space* documentary a few years back they made, at last, the case for ordinary country people who live close to nature and animals and take their part in the eternally predatory chain of life. As one vet mused, the entire life of a wild creature consists of either hunting or being hunted, of flight and fight, so we might as well join in the game — as long as we don't take unfair advantage.

Which, of course, we do all the time in other ways: pollution, agricultural development. The best argument of the new generation of campaigners is that without field sports, wildlife would suffer an appalling loss of habitat: the great arable prairies may be vegetarians but they wreck hedgerows and headlands and feed on killer chemicals. Like it or not, much native British wildlife now depends on the coverts, moorlands, hedges, and wetland pro-

served only by field sportsmen. That argument swung me, and I am not untypical. I neither hunt nor shoot, am soft on moles and spiders, and haven't touched veal or battery eggs for years. Yet I accept that a minority of foxes, hares, ducks, pheasants and even stags should end their free outdoor lives at the hands of my bloodthirsty neighbours if it helps to keep the countryside varied and unpolluted. There is proof that this rueful acceptance is gaining ground: during the five years when the arguments have been properly aired, the number of those opposing field sports has fallen, in the polls Lord Mancroft quotes, from 83 per cent to 65 per cent. Even the mid-Seventies. Environmentalism and commonsense are slowly winning.

It follows that if the RSPCA keeps harping on field sports it will, suicidally marginalise itself. There are those even on its present council who know this and fear it. If it becomes yet another shrill, anthropomorphic, veggie animal rights lobby it will lose its credibility, and probably its charitable status.

The crying shame is that we need it now as never before. The old RSPCA is still there, under the nonsense, its local inspectors gallantly battle against thoughtless cruelties from puppy-farming to discarded ring-pulls. It makes some effort for the welfare of farm animals: it set up the "Freedom Food" label in 1993 (although that has not been much of a success, with rocky finances and poor public recognition: it would have done better to endorse organic farming, and save habitat as well as farm animals). The RSPCA even works with the Humane Slaughter Association which, without glamour or fuss, improves the dying moments of food animals. This very week the HSA has a mobile slaughterhouse at the Royal Show. By going to remote farms and sparing animals travel, that device will prevent more terror and exhaustion than any amount of hunt saboteurs.

The RSPCA supported it, which proves that its heart and brain are still there, but you won't catch its veggie leaders mentioning it. They would rather wave dead foies in our faces and bring cases about the emotional trauma of goldfish. The parallel with old Labour is more and more irresistible: does the RSPCA really want to embark on years of embittered, splintered impotence?

Look back for a moment: in the early 1980s I chaired a television debate on the subject, and the anti-hunt all the best tunes. The British Field Sports Society sat glowering, confirming the general view that they were thick, arrogant fat-cats in flat hats. One eventually stood up and said "Remember, it's not the huntsmen who kill the fox, it's the hounds", pronouncing it "hy-unds". Such dimwits, wrapped in old money and old land, provoked intemperate

heartening to discover, then, that Antonio Carluccio, a Covent Garden chef, is supplying the food. Carluccio was recently described by a food critic as being so fat that, whether standing up or lying down, he was the same shape.

Vi-tality
LUVVIES turned out in their droves the other day to honour one of the toughest of backstage hands. Vi Marriott, indomitable theatre producer and backstage fixer, was celebrating 50 years in the business. She ran the Young Vic theatre for many years and is now in her eighth decade.

Kathleen Griffin, who gave the young girl her first job as a secretary at the Old Vic, recalled her first tentative hours under Larry Olivier: "Vi was called down to take notes while Larry was auditioning. When she came back she couldn't read a word of her shorthand. 'Just make it up,' I said. 'I can't,' she said. Just then the internal phone rang and it was Larry. 'I've decided to scrub the lot,' he said. So Vi stayed."

Oh boy
WHEN football tickets hit the Royal Household, one ink-stained pair

A smack of firm autocracy

Blair wants clear red water, says Woodrow Wyatt

Tony Blair has shown courage and skill in pushing Labour towards look-alike Toryism. He favours an autocratic approach, anxious to show that he offers "the smack of firm government". The phrase first appeared in an article by Donald McLachlan in *The Daily Telegraph* on January 3, 1996, in which he accused Anthony Eden, then Prime Minister, of indecisiveness. "To emphasise a point he would clench one fist to smack the open palm of the other hand — but the smack is seldom heard." Thus it is with Blair's proposed constitutional changes for Scotland and Wales.

Originally, his followers accepted and understood that Scotland was to have its own legislature including the power to raise taxes; and that Wales was to have its own assembly. There was to be no referendum or consultation with the Scottish and Welsh on the subject. That was "the smack of firm government". But finding this none too popular in England, whence he must win a majority if he is to form a government, the Eden-style indecisiveness reared its head. The referendum previously denied Scotland and Wales was to be granted and a majority of one would be sufficient to establish a Scottish parliament and a Welsh assembly.

It is on constitutional change and Europe that Mr Blair intends to put clear red water between himself and Mr Major. At first glance referendums might be thought welcome. But those conducted on March 1, 1979, under the aegis of the Government of James Callaghan (another indecisive character), contained a provision that on so serious an issue as devolution a simple majority would not be enough. If less than 40 per cent of those entitled to vote voted yes, devolution was out. Scotland's "yes" vote was only 32.85 per cent of the electorate, though it was slightly higher than the "no" vote at 30.78 per cent. In Wales the noes to devolution beat the yeses by 46.92 per cent to 11.92 per cent.

Thus makes Mr Blair's insistence on another Welsh referendum so absurd that Paul Flynn, Labour MP for Newport West, in a furious attack on Mr Blair, declared on the BBC *Today* programme yesterday that the main effect of another referendum would be to cause dangerous splits. That a simple majority of Scots entitled to vote would say yes to a Scottish parliament seems certain. A recent opinion poll even indicates that there would be a majority for a Scottish parliament having the power to raise its own taxation.

The Act of Union of 1701 left untouched Scotland's legal and education systems — both superior in many respects to those in England and Wales. The Westminster Parliament cannot vote to alter them. It is unthinkable that, after Scottish devolution, Scottish MPs should be allowed to vote on English matters. There are at present 49 Labour MPs sitting for the 72 Scottish seats (13 more than their population justifies when compared to England's). Devolution would mean there would never be another effective Labour government. Similarly, there are 40 Welsh constituencies, of which 27 are represented by Labour MPs. A devolved Welsh assembly should result in the number of Welsh seats being reduced to 34, making it still harder for a Labour government to be elected.

So, knowing all this, what will be autocrat Blair's next surprise somersault? Most probably an alliance with the Liberal Democrats with three or four places assured in the Cabinet of a Lib-Lab government plus the promise of proportional representation. This would infuriate great swaths of old Labour who might even refrain from voting.

One minor constitutional change is worth making. There is no sense in having 24 bishops and two archbishops of the Church of England in the House of Lords, even though the majority of them may please Mr Blair by praising him for being more Christian than the Tories. The Welsh and Scottish Churches are disestablished and have come to no harm. If there are to be religious leaders in the Lords they should be selected by the authorities of all the religions concerned, including Roman Catholics, Jews, Muslims and Hindus. Otherwise the Lords needs no tinkering with.

The most dangerous of all the constitutional changes Mr Blair intends is with regard to the European Union. The surrender to qualified majority voting and enthusiastic acceptance of the edicts of the European Council to join the exchange-rate mechanism and a single currency dragging us ever closer into a federated United States of Europe, would lose the United Kingdom all vestige of independence. Mr Blair is not indecisive about his sincere conviction that Britain is declining in second, or third-rate nation status. For him it is in acceptance of German and French hegemony that our future lies and he naively believes that this is also Washington's view. Fortunately, this feeble attitude is not shared by most of the British, who put their faith in trade across the seas from which we have a surplus, and not in trade with our EU partners with whom we usually have a deficit.

Mother hen

THERE was no chance of a Cathay Pacific-style jump-up with Paul Gascoigne on his stag night at the weekend. The footballer, who was central to the frolics on England's return flight from Hong Kong before Euro 96, invited his mother Carol, 53, as guest of honour. There could have been no better policewoman.

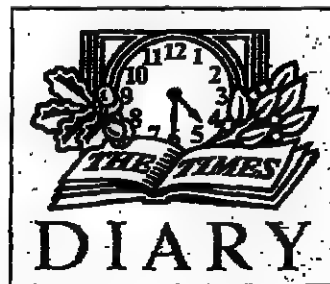
Firebrands such as the Middle-borough manager Bryan Robson and Liverpool's Steve McManaman (always a man to take his shirt off) didn't dare put a foot wrong when the formidable lady was called in to party.

It was at half-time during the Euro 96 final when Gazza emerged from the private suite at the Swallow Hotel in Waltham Abbey, where the stags were beginning to build up steam, and shouted in the direction of the bar: "Mum."

Mum was being summoned to watch video highlights of her son's performance in Euro 96. She emerged beaming an hour or so later and returning to the bar. Her son ambled out only to visit the gents, accompanied by two bodyguards, and was safely tucked up in bed by 1.15am. Little wonder he was so chipper at breakfast the next morning, where he appeared clad only in boxer shorts.

Cross court

THE NEW Lord of the Manor of Wimbledon may be forced to fight his corner just days after snapping up the title from Earl Spencer for £188,000. The Garter King of Arms, ultimate authority on matters heraldic, is investigating the coat of arms featured on the certificate of armorial bearings issued last week to its owner, who remains anonymous.



The arms features crossed tennis rackets and strawberries, a far cry from the armorial bearings described on the certificate — and even those are questioned by the Garter. "I am looking at this certainly. The document doesn't actually appear to make sense," he says. "It is distressing, to put it mildly. It gives the appearance of being official when it clearly isn't."

Robert Smith of the Manorial Society, who conducted the auction, is not contrite: "It's not supposed to be official in any way," he says.

Trumped
IN THE SPIRIT of Ivana Trump, Prince Michael of Kent has invited the press to his birthday party. Mrs Trump set the gold standard for self-promotion when she in-

vited all of her dear, dear friends in the media to her engagement party two years ago. Today Prince Michael well publicly wrestle fairly cake past his head at the Grosvenor House Hotel as the birthday guest of the James Myatt Memorial Trust surrounded by "Shenda's exciting nudes" — sadly not an exotic revue bar troupe but rather the works of the sculptor Shenda Amery.

News that Luciano Pavarotti is dying on steamed fish and lentils has thrown catering arrangements for the Three Tenors concert this weekend into disarray. How



heartening to discover, then, that Antonio Carluccio, a Covent Garden chef, is supplying the food. Carluccio was recently described by a food critic as being so fat that, whether standing up or lying down, he was the same shape.

Vi-tality
LUVVIES turned out in their droves the other day to honour one of the toughest of backstage hands. Vi Marriott, indomitable theatre producer and backstage fixer, was celebrating 50 years in the business. She ran the Young Vic theatre for many years and is now in her eighth decade.

Kathleen Griffin, who gave the young girl her first job as a secretary at the Old Vic, recalled her first tentative hours under Larry Olivier: "Vi was called down to take notes while Larry was auditioning. When she came back she couldn't read a word of her shorthand. 'Just make it up,' I said. 'I can't,' she said. Just then the internal phone rang and it was Larry. 'I've decided to scrub the lot,' he said. So Vi stayed."

Oh boy
WHEN football tickets hit the Royal Household, one ink-stained pair

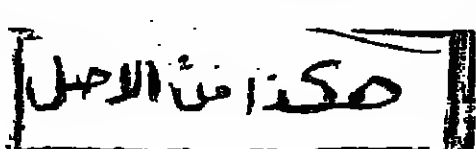


Downpatrick: a royal treat

of hands reaches them faster than any other. Lord Downpatrick, 7, son of Earl St Andrews, must be the keenest football fan within shooting distance of the Throne.

In the sea of comatose expressions in the royal box at Sunday's Euro 96 final, his *Famous Five* face peered over the shoulders of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Like most impressionable young boys, he supports Manchester United, and wangled a seat for the FA Cup Final from his grandfather the Duke of Kent, president of the FA.

P.H.S





UNDER FIRE

Michael Portillo's privatisation deserves Tory support

Every institutional reform by this Government — from trade unions to nationalised industries — has been a struggle against vested interests and Labour MPs. Success, when it has come, has come because the radical reformers in the Conservative Party have stood together.

This week a Ministry of Defence reform which could improve both the national finances and the quality of service life is threatened by predictable opponents whose stance is rooted in the past. But Michael Portillo's plans to privatise the Armed Forces' married quarters are also under fire from Conservatives who would normally be expected to support such moves. The motives of Mr Portillo's opponents seem to be the advancement of the cause of his likely rival in a future Tory leadership contest, John Redwood. They should realise that attempts to sabotage the sale will bring unnecessary alarm to service families, damage to their party and a threat to the future effectiveness of the Armed Forces.

Soldiers, sailors and airmen have had to endure change at an uncomfortable pace over the past five years. The enforced economies of Options for Change and Front Line First have added to the strains that service life already imposes on the military. Retrenchment has been no less difficult for being necessary. The privatising of married quarters ought to be a source of hope for better lives ahead. Instead it has aroused only further fears of upheaval.

The sale of service housing will release £100 million for refurbishment, money the Treasury would not otherwise spend. Soldiers' families in the MoD's more dilapidated properties will experience some long overdue upgrading. Morale has indeed been tested by recent changes. There is a clear need for improvement in the lives of military families. If privatisation were thwarted these aims would be threatened.

This does not seem to have been well explained by the MoD and service chiefs. Families see themselves uprooted for the convenience of commercial landlords. They accept that service life demands mobility. They have been told the terms under which

the MoD will lease back property, the guarantees that service families will live in coherent, secure communities at rents fixed by the same independent review body which guarantees service pay. But they are distrustful — and their distrust is fuelled by politicians who should know better.

There is no justification, in principle, for the State to own soldiers' houses. Indeed the MoD has proved a highly inefficient landlord with 12,000 of its 58,000 homes empty. Conservatives fought throughout the Eighties to establish that the operation of the market and the vigour of the private sector were the best guarantee of quality. Margaret Thatcher's followers believed that the State should act as enabler, not provider. Labour may no longer believe in nationalisation; its advocates appear still, however, to survive on the Conservative back benches.

Several Tory MPs associated with John Redwood's leadership bid last year have been leading the campaign against privatisation. They may consider that they are doing Mr Redwood a favour by undermining Mr Portillo on this and other issues. They are almost certainly wrong. Their actions run counter to Mr Redwood's own words and the broader Tory principles which he courageously fought for last July. In *The Times* last August Mr Redwood put the case for the sale of MoD homes to free money for tax cuts, arguing that empty properties in his own part of Berkshire were "a permanent scar on the village".

The sale of property could help towards both the tax cuts advocated by Mr Redwood and the home improvements promised by Mr Portillo: in either case a sound Thatcherite policy would lead to the impeccably Disraelian goal of an improvement in the condition of the people. Opponents of the current privatisation are undermining the philosophical platform from which any future revival of the Conservative Party should be launched, as well as imperilling the capacity of the MoD to establish its own priorities and defend itself from future Treasury incursions. Tory MPs who believe in strengthening Britain's defences should be defending this policy.

MONGOLIAN RENAISSANCE

Lessons to be learnt from a triumph of democracy

Boris Yeltsin's health is again an electoral issue in Russia, a reminder of the fragile state of democracy there. The difficulty Russia is experiencing contrasts sharply with the experience of its neighbour, Mongolia, where a youthful band of democrats swept to unexpected victory in Sunday's parliamentary elections, winning two thirds of the seats in the Great Hural.

Mongolia had all Russia's excuses and more for clinging to the old guard. Poor and almost devoid of modern infrastructure, its pursuit of market reforms has been accompanied by severe hardships. In most ex-Communist countries there has been a pattern of voter rejection for reforms just when they began to yield dividends: Mongolia seemed likely to follow the trend.

The governing ex-Communist Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party (MPRP) was expected to win easily because it courted voters with promises to slow the pace of reforms and bring in generous social welfare programmes. The most optimistic prediction of international observers was that the Opposition — which had won only six out of 76 seats in 1992 — would gain enough ground to make multiparty politics more than a slogan. These remarkable people, with a population of only 2.3 million in an area the size of Europe, voted instead for a democratic coalition which intends to speed up economic liberalisation and introduce further political reforms.

With this result, Mongolia has triumphantly confirmed its place in the vanguard of peaceful democratic change in Asia. It is barely six years since thousands of dem-

onstrators gathered in bitter midwinter to demand reforms — beginning with the privatisation of their precious herds. Few of those protesters imagined that they would live to see their dream of a firmly democratic Mongolia answered. But revived patriotism and political reform rapidly became firmly entwined in the popular mind — a process in which the rehabilitation of Genghis Khan, the great 12th-century Mongolian conqueror, played an important part.

In 1993, as the candidate of the opposition Social Democratic Party, Punsalmaagin Ochirbat was elected President. On Sunday, in a carnival atmosphere, 87.3 per cent of voters dressed in their traditional clothes galloped miles across the steppes to the white-tented polling booths to finish the job. Older voters clung to the MPRP but the young overwhelmingly supported a coalition whose leaders, Elbegdorj and Gonchigdorj, are 33 and 42 respectively. The questions they asked of the MPRP during the campaign were why so many large enterprises remained in state hands, and what they intended to do about bureaucratic corruption. The result frees Mongolia from its uneasy cohabitation between a firmly democratic President and a Communist Government. It is now a country that will unambiguously welcome the international investment it sorely needs.

President Ochirbat has appealed to Britain, which was for many years the only Western Government to maintain an embassy in Ulan Bator, to take a lead in buttressing its recovered independence. That appeal merits full-hearted support.

MARRIAGE A LA MODE

When Shezza weds Gazza nuptial etiquette goes razzmatazz

With most of the rest of the country, we send our good wishes for married happiness to Paul and Sheryl Gascoigne (née Falles) after their wedding yesterday. Odds offered by national bookmakers on how long their arrangements will last are in poor taste. So too is the question about the curse of *Hello!*, the glossy magazine, which bought exclusive rights to photograph the happy occasion for £150,000 and is reputed to bring bad luck on the celebrities it celebrates so uncritically.

We are not even concerned here about whether the marriage contract included a clause granting exclusive photographic and easy-question rights in any subsequent divorce. We are worried much more about how one behaves if one is invited to a *Hello!* wedding as glamorous as that of yesterday. No conventions are more complex or change faster than nuptial ones. Neither Debreit nor Emily Post now has all the answers.

If, for example, the bridegroom sets a fashion by wearing a gold brocade knee-length frock-coat, what should the best man wear? Should male guests show laddish solidarity by wearing designer strips and colour-coded team cravats? And what about hats? Do they have to be worn back-to-front? Who can kiss the bridesmaids? Or are they expected simply to jump up and down and hug and kiss one another?

Because the big excitement at *Hello!* is in

exclusive photographic rights, guests should expect to pass by poses of bulging, black-suited photographers. How then should amateur snappers best smuggle in their personal Nikons, camcorders and mobile telephones? If a mere guest happened to be in line for the perfect warm-up picture of the happy couple, which rival publication is the most discreet in accepting the negatives — and which pays the most?

Even to get into the *Hello!* wedding, one must run the gauntlet through crowds of celebrity-hunters. The old etiquette of waving an invitation and muttering to an usher whether you sit on the side of bride or groom is no longer adequate. The serious guest must be ferried through tight security in a white stretch limousine with darkened frustrating windows.

Of course, the whole of an exclusive, secluded Jacobean-style "manor" hotel has to be hired for the occasion and guarded by private police with walkie-talkies. A celebrity chef with stars from Michelin should be engaged. Is it still considered bad form for guests to follow the example of racing drivers and spray each other with champagne or lager? Should spectators throw their customary paper missiles from the terraces or will confetti do? Answers please, with sincerest best wishes, on the back of your souvenir programme.

Cost of waste to NHS efficiency

From the Chairman of the Glan-y-Môr NHS Trust

Sir, At the 1980 annual representatives meeting of the BMA in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, the then chairman of council, Tony Graham, made an impassioned plea for a massive injection of cash to save an allegedly collapsing NHS. The cost of the NHS in 1980 was £11.95 billion.

In 1996 we have a similar speech from the present chairman, Dr Sandy Macara, using the emotive prospect of NHS doom and seeking an additional £6 billion. The cost of the NHS is now £46 billion and rising.

If we compare UK spending on health with that of Western Europe and the US and our position in the several leagues of health indicators, it can be seen we have an efficient health service on which simply spending more would not produce major health gains.

In 1980, I opposed Tony Graham's proposition, suggesting that the profession could not ask for more money until we used what we had more wisely, by eliminating waste, ineffective treatment, over-prescribing and over-investigation. My position remains unchanged.

Although reformed and considerably more efficient, a significant percentage of senior doctors in the major disciplines have ignored the clinical audit initiative and wasted the millions spent upon it, despite pleas from the Royal Colleges for their involvement.

The current financial year will be a desperately difficult one, for the annual cost-improvement programmes, unfunded productivity increases and partially funded pay awards have eliminated much of the "fat" within the organisation.

However, Dr Macara will only have my full support when he assures me that the clinical professions, co-operating with management, have ensured that their work is both clinically and cost effective.

Yours faithfully,
RUSSELL HOPKINS,
Chairman,
Glan-y-Môr NHS Trust,
Trinity Buildings,
21 Orchard Street, Swansea,
June 25.

Netanyahu's pledges

From Mr S. A. Mold

Sir, You say in your leading article, "Misreading Netanyahu" (June 24), that the Arab summit "was called in panic response to the ascendancy of Likud" and suggest that it made a "rush to judgment" without giving time for "the emerging pragmatism" to develop. This ignores Mr Netanyahu's repeatedly declared commitment to reversal of the agreements made for Arab-Israeli peace-making.

He pledged construction of new settlements, seen as obstacles to Palestinian independence, and made clear that he does not intend to return the occupied Golan Heights or Arab east Jerusalem (report, June 17), and his new right-wing Government made "proposals for watering down the commitment to withdraw from Hebron" (report, June 22).

His willingness, as you noted, "to talk without preconditions" is itself an unacceptable precondition that previous agreements made by Mr Shimon Peres on the basis of "Land for Peace" be ignored.

Yours sincerely,
S. A. MOLD
(Director General),
International Centre
for Islamic Studies,
ICIS House,
144-146 King's Cross Road, W.C1,
June 25.

MPs' pay rise

From Mr Granville Davies

Sir, It contravenes all good industrial relations practice that MPs should be allowed to vote in their own pay rise (report, June 28) and goes against all precedents for less privileged employment groups.

They should, like others, be subject to control by some higher authority, perhaps the House of Lords, who would then rule against their award in the light of public interest, permitting MPs then to do the usual thing and go on strike to defend their interests.

Peace and prosperity would then be ensured for the rest of us.

Yours sincerely,
GRANVILLE DAVIES,
5 Warren Wood, Warren Road,
Crowthorne, East Sussex,
June 28.

Tower environs

From Mr Christopher Rouse

Sir, I have been involved in building four and five-star hotels on three continents. In no case have fees for feasibility studies exceeded £30,000.

Could someone please explain where the £500,000 being contributed by the National Lottery to the costs of studying the Tower of London environs and the flooding of its moat (leading article, June 25) is being spent? It must be a very large plug-hole.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER ROUSE,
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9 Colchester Road, SW10,
June 25.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Complaints about solicitors and protection of the public

From the Director of the Solicitors Complaints Bureau

Sir, Once again, the solicitors' profession and its regulatory body are the focus of criticism (report, June 13; letters, June 19 and 25) and the unparalleled service they offer clients is overlooked.

Yet it is solicitors who fund the Solicitors Complaints Bureau to ensure that complaints about themselves and their colleagues are investigated at no charge to the client. They also fund the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal. Both organisations recognise the importance of lay representation in the decision-making process, and both have an established policy of involving lay members in their procedures, to act as the voice of the public. The Bureau's replacement body — the Office for the Supervision of Solicitors — will build on this policy.

In addition, the profession's regulator is overseen by the Legal Services Ombudsman — an independent observer dedicated to redressing any imbalance in the system in favour of solicitors. Solicitors pay significant amounts each year into the compensation fund to safeguard clients and replace moneys stolen by the tiny minority of dishonest colleagues. The Law Society offers the public a free review of their solicitors' charges.

The list goes on. The profession, instead of knocking these procedures, should be proud of them.

Yours faithfully,
PETER ROSS, Director,
Solicitors Complaints Bureau,
Victoria Court, 8 Dornier Place,
Leamington Spa, Warwickshire,
June 25.

From Dr Paul Edwards

Sir, It was encouraging to read of a solicitor (Mr Gavin Stewart, letter, June 25) advocating the abolition of the Solicitors Complaints Bureau. Complaints against solicitors have steadily risen over the past 16 years, reaching some 20,000 a year, and substantially evidenced independent reports have consistently identified the inadequacy of self-regulation of solicitors.

However, Mr Stewart's alternative remedies must be regarded as being as illusory as the SCB. Solicitors are reluctant, almost to the point of prohibition, to act against other solicitors, which effectively deters clients from initiating legal action, whether in the courts or with the disciplinary tribunal; and the Legal Services Ombudsman has no powers with which to enforce any ruling he makes against the over-subscribed incarnations of Messrs Sue, Grabbit and Runne.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL EDWARDS,
248 Toller Lane,
Bradford, West Yorkshire,
June 25.

From Mr Colin Peters

Sir, Mr Gavin Stewart claims that if he cheats he can be prosecuted and sued, and if he is negligent, again he can be sued. He says that "loss made through my dishonesty will be made good by my fellow solicitors". All of this would be true if we lived in a perfect world.

Unfortunately we do not, which is why an independent regulatory body is so badly needed to protect the public

from those solicitors whose wrongful actions, if their true extent were known, would bring the whole of the profession into disrepute.

It is possible that around 30,000 complaints a year to the Solicitors Complaints Bureau are without justification and completely unfounded?

Yours faithfully,
COLIN PETERS
(Northern Co-ordinator,
Litigant in Person Society),
20 Halesworth Crescent, Holmewood,
Bradford, West Yorkshire,
June 25.

From Mr Michael Champion

Sir, It is not surprising that Mr Stewart, a solicitor, wishes the Solicitors Complaints Bureau to be abolished without replacement. In a match between Gentlemen and Players, everyone knows that the professionals always win, unless put under a proper handicap.

Most solicitors strongly advise their clients against litigation, unless they have a very deep pocket, or are receiving legal aid. Mr Stewart's advice to dissatisfied clients to sue their solicitors will be met with wry amusement by those who have tried it.

Until the legal profession recognises that its former reputation can never be recovered without the introduction of impartial, non-legal means of redress against malpractice, even a toothless body like the SCB is better than nothing.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
MICHAEL CHAMPION,
102 Milton Park, Highgate, N6,
June 25.

Saving Becket's casket for the nation

From the Director of the National Art Collections Fund

Sir, As director of this long-established art charity which is dedicated to "saving art for the nation", I feel I must address Simon Jenkins's remarks about "loft chauvinism" ("Great art knows no borders", June 29; see also leading articles, June 28, July 1; letters, June 20, 26, 29).

Simon Jenkins believes that the Becket casket is "not a national treasure" and misleadingly suggests that those of us who are trying to save it are doing so in order to prevent "a humiliation to British pride".

Our fund is committed to saving Becket's casket because, properly displayed, it will mean far more to a British audience than it ever could to any foreign one. Not only is it a wonderfully evocative object, but it is also an immensely potent work of art and a piece of living history — our history which, let us recall, is an amalgam of the French and Anglo-Saxon. The casket is not unique, but it is the earliest and

largest example of its kind, marvelously preserved and beautifully crafted.

If the V&A succeeds in purchasing it, then the casket will certainly attract visitors from up and down the country. These will not be the "patriotic hordes" envisaged by Simon Jenkins, but people who come to be moved and inspired by its beauty, history and power.

To speak of idolatry, hyperbole or otherwise, is to miss the point. The casket was made to enshrine an ideal, not just some relics which may or may not have been genuine — an ideal of spiritual devotion which matters as much today as it did 800 years ago. Our "heritage", if it means anything, surely embraces more than the Crown Jewels or Churchill's hat.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BARRIE, Director,
National Art Collections Fund,
Millais House,
7 Cromwell Place, SW7,
July 1.

Dawn of time

From the Acting Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kiribati

Sir, Readers of Norris McWhirter's article, "The dawn of a new age" (June 24; see also letter, June 27), will have gained the impression that the Government of Kiribati had changed the International Date Line in an opportunistic attempt to cash in on the millennium.

Caroline Island is the easternmost of eight islands which form the Line Islands group. Under the previous date line, both that group and the Phoenix Islands group were in a time zone a full day ahead of the Gilbert Islands group and Banaba, which are the remaining parts of the country. It is true, as Mr McWhirter states, that Caroline Island is not permanently inhabited; but other of the Line Islands (including Christmas Island) have resident populations and are important contributors to the national economy.

I doubt that the views of the inhabitants of what is now the state of Kiribati were foremost in the minds of those involved in the 1984 International Meridian Conference, or even — since Britain did not formally declare the islands to be a protectorate until 1992 and a colony in 1916 — that the 1884 conference was quite sure what bits of the territory (which achieved its independence in 1979) belonged to whom.

Whoever has the right claim to the

millennium dawn, I think you must accept, Sir, that it is a nonsense that one part of a nation is located in a different day from the rest; and that the action of President Tito's Government in remedying the nonsense is long overdue.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL WALSH,
Acting Honorary Consul,
Republic of Kiribati,
The Great House,
Llanddewi,
Rhydderch, Monmouthshire,
June 24.

Counting the years

From Professor R. A. Weale

Sir, Sir David Blunt's quest (letter, June 27) for a new word for 1,000 years rests on the assumption that the current millennium started in 1001. But if, as is likely, forty or so generations ago, people were as innumerate as we are today, it must have started a year too soon, and no new word for millennium is required.

The problem seems to go back to the Romans, who had no symbol for zero. The fact that the next millennium also starts a year too soon is just one more triumph of a basically anti-decimal culture.

Yours very truly,
ROBERT WEALE,
5 Windmill Hill, Hampstead, NW3,
June 28.

Broadcasting Bill

From the Acting Director of the National Consumer Council

Sir, We agree with the Campaign for Quality Television (letter, June 27) that the Government should ensure that quality is taken into account by the Independent Television Commission when it is awarding licences for the new digital television services.

The true measure of a successful broadcasting industry rests with the opinions and experiences of viewers and listeners. Undoubtedly, quality is a critical issue for both, but we have additional concerns: access to the new services, picture quality, the future of public service broadcasting, the effects of pay-to-view television on "free-to-air" services, the timing of the current analogue system switch-off, the future of the BBC licence, and much more.

This council believes that there is an urgent need for an independent body to research and promote viewers' and

Morality and faith

From the Reverend A. G. Fitzpatrick

Sir, I and my congregation much appreciate Nigel Lawson's article (June 26; see also letters, June 29) and indeed the excellent "What we believe" series (June 24-26). As Unitarians with a wide spectrum of beliefs, but having in common the opportunity to come together to deepen our spiritual awareness, we would admit that amongst us are a number of atheists.

Ms Lawson is correct in saying that "Religion gives rules". For the Unitarian such rules require a great "sense of morality... within oneself". The "afterlife" is of little import to most of us, but the way we live our lives is of supreme import. Our faith is historically founded in Christianity but has grown and developed.

Christianity is demonstrably too narrow and hidebound by creeds and dogmas written nearly 2,000 years ago. Unitarians believe their faith is for the 21st century.

Yours faithfully,
AUSTIN FITZPATRICK
(Unitarian Minister),
Edmund Hall Unitarian Church,
Belle Vue Road,
Southampton, Hampshire,
June 26.

From Mr Andrew McWhirter

Sir, Nigel Lawson writes: "One is constantly being told how offensive is a lack of faith to believers".

Frankly, I find this statement hard to believe but, as a Christian, I do find offensive the criticism of my faith by atheists. In nine out of ten instances the shortcomings of the organisation (eg, the Church) are wrongly laid at the door of the faith itself.

Nigel Lawson seems to be equating humanism with atheism. Humanism, whilst atheistic (or agnostic), is a creed: it advocates a system of morality and a basis for that system. Atheism, by itself, advocates nothing and is, therefore, "nihilistic".

My faith is my faith. I deserve to be criticised not for following it, but for failing to follow it. This applies equally to the adherents of all moral faiths.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW MCWHIRTER,
17 Ash Road, Booker,
High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire,
June 26.

From Mr M. E. H. Robinson

Sir, I was horrified to read Jostein Gaarder (*The three great guides*, June 24). It is said to read that he is a member of the Lutheran State Church of Norway and yet he does not seem certain whether or not he will go to Heaven. What is more worrying is that he reveals that he would like to meet Jesus alongside Socrates and Buddha, as if there is any comparison.

He asserts that Jesus is "the most important moral philosopher of all" but is not sure whether he is the son of God. This opinion is not open to us: either Jesus was who he said he was — the son of God — or he was a liar, in which case he cannot be "the most important moral philosopher of all".

Yours faithfully,
MIKE ROBINSON,
Barn Close,
Betham, Milnthorpe, Cumbria,
June 24.

Risk assessment

From Mr Tom Baldwin

Sir, Yesterday I saw a man standing bare-headed in the midday sunshine while using a mobile phone and smoking a cigarette. Would anyone care to estimate his life expectancy?

Yours,
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Difference between 'cause' and 'event'

Axa Reinsurance (UK) plc v Field

Before Lord MacKay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Mustill, Lord Slynn of Hadley and Lord Hoffmann

[Speeches June 13]
The expressions "originating cause" and "originating event" are used in errors and omissions reinsurance policies by Lloyd's underwriters, did not mean the same thing because, in ordinary language, "cause" could be a continuing state of affairs and could be the absence of something happening, whereas an "event" was something which happened at a particular time, at a particular place and in a particular way. Accordingly, the construction given by the court to "originating cause" could not govern the meaning of "originating event".

The House of Lords so held allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Axa Reinsurance (UK) plc, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Simon Brown) (The Times October 10, 1995; [1995] 1 Lloyd's Rep. 28), which dismissed Axa's appeal from a decision dated July 27, 1995 of Mr Justice Phillips on a preliminary issue, ordered by him to be tried, following an originating summons issued by Axa against the defendant, Mr Roger Field, acting on his own behalf and as representative of all other members of Lloyd's Syndicate No 204 of 1991.

The judge had held that the reasoning in his judgment in *Cox v Bankside Members Agency Ltd* (The Times January 27, 1995; [1995] CLC 180) was directly applicable to the issue of loss policy in the instant case and that three losses,

no more and no less, were to be aggregated.

Mr Christopher Clarke, QC and Mr Mark Howard for Axa, Mr Jonathan Hurst, QC and Mr Michael Swainson for Mr Field.

LORD MUSTILL said that the origin of the instant appeal lay in the involvement of numerous members of syndicates at Lloyd's in what was known as "the LMX spiral".

The spiral was the pathological outcome of writing whole account excess of loss in a narrow market, the essence being that the same loss might in certain events circulate through a chain of reinsurance contracts, repeatedly increasing and ultimately exhausting successive layers of cover, leaving the reinsured without the intended protection or none at all.

Complaining that those who managed their syndicates had failed either to recognise the risks of the spiral, or to take proper precautions against its adverse effects, numerous members who suffered heavy losses brought proceedings against the managers for negligence and breach of contract.

These proceedings were the origin, but not the subject, of the present appeal which was concerned with the aggregation of losses for the purpose of reinsurance policies some distance away from the policies out of which the losses originally arose.

The root case was *Deeny v Gooda Walker Ltd* (The Times October 7, 1994; [1994] CLC 1124), in which members of syndicates recovered damages against certain members' agents. One of the agents was Bankside Members Agency Ltd which brought proceedings under an errors and omissions policy underwritten by,

among others, Lloyd's Syndicate 204.

An issue in that case, which was resolved in *Cox v Bankside Members Agency Ltd* was how, in the light of the various acts and omissions which founded the liability of the members' agents in *Deeny v Gooda Walker Ltd* losses should be aggregated for the purpose of a provision limiting the insurers' total liability.

Syndicate 204 was now looking for a recovery under an excess of loss treaty issued by, among others, Axa providing one layer of cover in respect of the whole of the syndicate's casualty account. Once again the question of aggregation arose.

Axa issued an originating summons inviting the determination by the court of three questions, two of which were:

"2 Out of which events do the losses of the underwriter (incurred by reason of his liability to the Gooda Walker Assureds) arise for the purposes of the XL reinsurance policy?"

"3 Out of how many such events do those losses arise for the purposes of the XL reinsurance policy?"

The XL reinsurance policy was defined for this purpose as meaning the policy issued by Axa covering the liability of Mr Field in respect of his underlying direct reinsurance of the Gooda Walker companies.

In the body of the errors and omissions policy there was a provision for automatic reinstatement but subject to a proviso that the total liability of the insurers in respect of all claims made during the period of the policy should not exceed certain specified sums.

The reinstatement clause also contained a second proviso to the effect that "the insurers' total

liability under this policy in respect of any claim or claims arising from one originating cause shall in no event exceed the sum stated..."

The sum stated was subject to a limit for each and every loss which was defined as "... each and every loss and/or occurrence and/or disaster and/or calamity arising out of one event..."

With commendable speed the matter was brought before the judge only two days later. At that point the issues were radically reformulated by an order of Mr Justice Phillips to the effect that the matter should be tried as a preliminary issue the question:

"Whether, having regard to the loss settlement provisions in the XL reinsurance policy the answer to questions 2 and 3 in the originating summons is determined by *Cox v Bankside Members Agency Ltd*."

The judge construed there read, *inter alia*: "the insurers' total liability under this policy in respect of any claim or claims arising from one originating cause, or series of events or occurrences attributable to one originating cause or related causes shall in no event exceed the sum stated..."

The question in suit, as framed, turned simply on a comparison between the clauses. The contrast was between "originating cause" coupled with "cause" in *Cox v Bankside Members Agency Ltd* and "event" in the present case. Those expressions were not at all the same for two reasons.

In ordinary speech, an event was something which happened at a particular time, at a particular place, in a particular way.

A cause was something at

together less constructed. It could be a continuing state of affairs; it could be the absence of something happening.

Equally, the word "originating" was consciously chosen to open up the widest possible search for a unifying factor in the history of the losses which it was sought to aggregate.

Even if Axa and the other reinsurers were aware of the terms on which the direct business was being written there was nothing surprising in a decision to choose a narrower basis of aggregation for the commercial considerations which determined how the cover of a whole "casualty" account would be framed and rated were not the same as those which shaped the individual items comprising that account.

If the syndicate had wished to secure identical measures of loss for its inward and outward contracts it could have negotiated with the reinsurers to that end, and taken the obvious course of using the same words in each.

They chose not to do so, and thereby accepted the possibility that although in some combinations of facts the outcomes might be the same, in others they might not.

Thus although naturally hesitating to differ from the unanimous opinion of the courts below, his Lordship would allow the appeal, answer in the negative the question raised by the reformulated preliminary issue and remit the matter to the High Court so that the proceedings might be continued.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Goff, Lord Slynn and Lord Hoffmann agreed.

Solicitors: Barlow Lyde & Gilbert; Clyde & Co, Guildford.

Part-timers' claims over pension rights

Fletcher v Midland Bank plc

Before Mr Justice Mummery, Mrs M. E. Sunderland and Mr G. Wright

[Judgment June 24]
In test cases involving the rights of part-time workers employed by public and private sector employers to participate in occupational pension schemes with a qualifying condition of membership based on a minimum number of hours worked each week, the Employment Appeal Tribunal held on a preliminary issue that the claims were only in time if commenced within six months of the end of the contract of employment containing the equality clause allegedly breached and that no claim could be made for a declaration of a right to membership of a pension scheme in respect of a period earlier than two years prior to the institution of the claim.

The applicants had argued that the denial of access to part-time workers was discriminatory in the matter of pay and was therefore contrary to the Equal Pay Act 1970 and EC law.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held when dismissing appeals by Mrs D. Fletcher and 21 other applicants from a decision of an industrial tribunal chairman in Birmingham last December who had dismissed claims against Midland Bank plc and others. The claims were selected as test cases out of a large number affecting determine preliminary points of general application.

Section 1 of the Equal Pay Act 1970, as substituted by section 8(1) and (2) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, provides: "(1) If the terms of a contract under which a woman is employed at an establishment in Great Britain do not include... an equality clause they shall be deemed to include one."

Section 2 provides: "(1) Any claim in respect of the contravention of a term modified or included by virtue of an equality clause, including a claim for arrears of remuneration or damages in respect of the contravention may be presented by way of a complaint to an industrial tribunal... (2) Where it appears to the secretary of state that there may be a question whether the employer of any woman is or has been contravening a term modified or included by virtue of their equality clause but that it is not reasonable to expect them to take steps to have the question determined, the question may be referred by him as respects all or any of them to an industrial tribunal and shall be dealt with as if the reference were of a claim by the woman or woman against the employer... (4) No claim in respect of the operation of an equality clause relating to a woman's employment shall be referred to an industrial tribunal... if she has not been employed within six months preceding the date of the reference... (5) A woman shall not be entitled... to be awarded any payment by way of arrears of remuneration or damages in re-

spect of a time earlier than two years before the date on which the proceedings were instituted."

Under article 119 of the EC Treaty "Each member state shall ensure and subsequently maintain the application of the principle that men and women should receive equal pay for equal work."

Miss Jane McNeill for Mrs Fletcher, Mr Patrick Elias, QC, Mr Jason Coppel and Miss Melanie Tether for the bank.

MR JUSTICE MUMMERY said that taking an example of an individual claim, Mrs Fletcher had presented her originating application to an industrial tribunal on December 16, 1994. She was employed by the bank from October 7, 1974 to June 30, 1991 as a part-time employee.

Until January 1989 the bank operated a single pension scheme which part-time employees were not eligible to join. From January 1989 a pension scheme was set up for part-timers and Mrs Fletcher joined.

She first appreciated she had a claim for pension benefits in relation to her service before January 1989 when she received a circular from her trade union early in December 1994 explaining that she could make a claim.

The industrial tribunal chairman concluded that the claims were only in time if commenced within six months of the end of the contract of employment containing the equality clause allegedly broken by denial of access to the occupational pension scheme and that a declaration could not be made requiring an employer to admit an employee to a pension scheme with effect from a date prior to the date two years before the proceedings were commenced in the industrial tribunal.

The following issues arose on the appeal:

- 1 Did section 2(4) of the 1970 Act apply to claims made to the industrial tribunal under section 2(1) or did it only apply to referrals made by the secretary of state under section 2(2)?
- 2 In the appeal section 2(4) applied to claims under section 2(1) and to referrals under section 2(2). *Etherson v Strathclyde Regional Council* (1992) ICR 579 was to be followed rather than the earlier decision of *British Railways Board v Paul* (1988) IRLR 23.
- 3 What were the time limits applicable to the institution of the claim?

The relevant time limit was the period of six months in section 2(4) of the 1970 Act. That time limit was not incompatible with EC law.

2 Did the principle in *Emmott v Minister for Social Welfare* (1993) ICR 8 preclude the state or an emanation of the state from relying on the time limit in section 2(4)?

That point affected public sector workers. It was based on a broad submission that the United Kingdom government failed at the relevant time to implement properly the provisions of Directive 75/117/EEC (EU 1975 L45 p19), the equal pay directive.

The EAT agreed with the industrial tribunal chairman that it did not because the applicants were

not entitled to rely on the directive in parallel with, or instead of, article 119 which conferred a directly effective right to equal pay for equal work and the content and scope of that right was not altered by the directive.

4 Was the time limit in section 2(4) discriminatory in the sense that it treated Community claims less favourably than domestic law claims of a similar nature?

Section 2(4) was not discriminatory and not incompatible with Community law. The industrial tribunal chairman was correct in rejecting the submission that the time limit in section 2(4) was discriminatory of Community law claims and should be disapplied.

5 Did the time limit in section 2(4) make it impossible in practice or excessively difficult to exercise the Community law right?

The answer was "No". The time limit was reasonable. It did not start to run until the end of the contract. Even shorter periods than those in section 2(4) had been found to be compatible with Community law.

6 On the true construction of section 2(4) did the six-month time limit run from the end of the particular contract in force, or did it run from the end of the employment with the employer after a succession of fixed term contracts with no genuine breaks?

The time limit ran from the end of each contract under which a part-time employee was employed and not from the end of any employment, comprehending a succession of different contracts of employment with the same employer.

7 Was the temporal restriction in section 2(4) to two years prior to the institution of proceedings compatible with Community law?

The answer was "Yes". No claim might be made for a declaration of a right to membership of a pension scheme, with the corresponding right to recover contribution from an employer, in respect of a period earlier than two years prior to the institution of the claim.

8 Were the rights of male part-time employees co-extensive with female part-time employees?

The answer was "Yes". It was the applicant's only remedy a declaration of rights of access to the pension scheme and to benefit while a member of the scheme, or were they entitled to equal treatment in the payment of pension benefits and to claim damages for loss of benefits payable under the scheme?

The chairman was right to reject the argument that the applicants could claim damages for loss of benefits under the pension scheme. A declaration was the only remedy available for infringement of the applicants' rights.

10 Should any question be referred to the European Court of Justice? The appeal tribunal would not exercise their discretion to make a reference. There was no real doubt about the correct interpretation of the relevant provisions of Community law.

The appeals and cross-appeals would be dismissed and leave to appeal granted.

Solicitors: Lawford & Co; Booth & Co, Leeds.

Incompetence reason for director's disqualification

In re Continental Assurance Co of London plc

Before Mr Justice Chadwick
[Judgment June 14]

Gross incompetence which did not amount to dishonesty in a director of a company could be regarded as unfitting so as to justify the making of an order under section 6 of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986. The degree of incompetence required by the Companies Act 1985 at least required that a director who was a corporate financier should be prepared to read and understand the statutory accounts of the company of which he was a director.

Mr Justice Chadwick so ruled in the Chancery Division when making a three-year disqualification order against Mr Michael Gordon Burt who was a director of Continental Assurance Company

of London plc from June 1988 to November 1991.

The order was imposed on the application of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry who sought disqualification orders against Mr Burt and two other directors of the company, Mr David Jonathan Burrows and Mr John Chapman Davis.

The sole allegation against Mr Burt related to unsecured interest-free loans made by Continental Assurance to Yorkdale Holdings bank loans made specifically for the purpose of acquiring shares in Continental Assurance.

The secretary of state's case was that those loans constituted financial assistance by Continental Assurance for the acquisition of its own shares contrary to section 151 of the Companies Act 1985, that there were no grounds for believ-

ing that Yorkdale would be able to repay the loans, that there was no commercial justification, advantage or benefit to Continental Assurance from the loans and that they were therefore made irresponsibly and were detrimental to creditors.

Mr David A. S. Richards, QC and Mr Joseph Hage for the secretary of state; Mr Richard Adkins, QC and Miss Susan Prevezar for Mr Burt; Mr Burrows did not appear and was not represented.

MR JUSTICE CHADWICK said that Mr Burt's evidence was that he did not know the loans were being made. He was adamant that he had known he would have recognised the danger under the 1985 Act and would have taken steps to put an end to that lending.

He said that the fact that he did not seek to put an end to it was the

clearest evidence that he did not know. What was going on was of course plain to see. The decision for the court was between disbelieving Mr Burt when he said he did not know, and taking the view that he simply did not trouble as a director to read the accounts.

Mr Justice Chadwick said he was not prepared to disbelieve Mr Burt's evidence having seen him. It was plain that the means of knowledge were there for the taking.

His Lordship was forced therefore to the view that this was a case in which Mr Burt failed utterly to appreciate the responsibilities of a director.

Accordingly, his Lordship did not find that Mr Burt knew of the lending but found that his failure to know displayed very serious incompetence in connection with his duties as a director.

The next question was whether such incompetence amounted to unfitting which justified disqualification. His Lordship said that failure to read and understand the statutory accounts of the company of which Mr Burt was a director did amount to such incompetence or neglect as to make a finding of unfitting appropriate.

Those in the position of Mr Burt, being directors and senior employees of major banks, who accepted appointments as directors of client companies, lent the names and the respectability of their background to those of the directors of the client companies.

Those dealing with the client companies were entitled to expect that the directors would exercise the competence required by the 1985 Act in relation to the affairs of the companies.

The competence required by the 1985 Act at least required that a director who was a corporate financier should be prepared to read and understand the statutory accounts of the company of which he was a director.

It was argued for Mr Burt that incompetence was not the charge which was brought to court to meet. The charge was causing or allowing the loans to be made.

His Lordship said that a director who failed to appreciate the obvious "allowed", and that gross incompetence in that context was "allowing". It was also clear from the affidavit that the secretary of state did allege negligence.

Anyone against whom proceedings were brought under section 6 of the 1985 Act knew what the case was that he had to meet. His Lordship deployed any tendency to introduce into that jurisdiction the rigidity of the criminal jurisdiction. That would be wholly contrary to the spirit of the 1985 Act.

Mr Burrows was the author and instigator of the loans and was disqualified for nine years.

Judge Paul Baker, QC, who had heard the proceedings against Mr Davis, disqualified him for four years.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Izod Evans.

Relevance of medical condition to sentence

Regina v Bernard

Before Lord Justice Rose, Mr Justice Mantell and Mr Justice Thomas
[Judgment May 24]

The relevance of a defendant's medical condition to his sentence was considered by the Court of Appeal, which set out the principles that emerged from earlier decisions of the court.

Their Lordships gave reasons for allowing, on May 20, an appeal by Basil Mortimer Bernard and reducing to 3½ years a sentence of 5 years imprisonment imposed on November 3, 1995 by Judge Nicholl at Birmingham Crown Court on the appellant's conviction of being knowingly concerned in the prohibition on the importation of a class B drug, 27.7kg of cannabis.

Mr Michael Birnbaum, QC, who did not appear before, for the appellant.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that for the appellant it was submitted, first, that the judge's stated starting point of six years was too high; second, that the appellant was suffering from a number of mitigating factors.

The appellant was a man aged 63 of previous good character who suffered from three principal medical ailments: a narrowing of the oesophagus causing difficulty in swallowing, diabetes and hypertension.

The part of the submission which relied on the appellant's medical condition, raised difficulties, having regard to a number

of decisions of the Court of Appeal which were not easily reconcilable.

However, their Lordships took the view that the following principles emerged from those decisions:

1 A medical condition which might at some unidentified future date affect either life expectancy or the prisoner's ability to lead a life of self-discipline might call into operation the Home Secretary's powers of release by reference to the royal prerogative of mercy or otherwise but was not a reason for an otherwise appropriate sentence: *R v Moore (Archibald)* (1990) 12 Cr App R (S) 384.

2 The fact that an offender was HIV positive, or had a reduced life expectancy, was not generally a reason which should affect sentence: *Moore (Archibald)* and *R v Moore (Richard)* (1994) 15 Cr App R (S) 97.

3 A serious medical condition, even when it was difficult to treat in prison, would not automatically entitle an offender to a lesser sentence than would otherwise be appropriate: *R v Wynne* (unreported, CA, April 18, 1994).

4 An offender's serious medical condition might enable a court, as an act of mercy in the exceptional circumstances of the particular case, rather than by virtue of any general principle, to impose a lesser sentence than would otherwise be appropriate.

5 Applying those principles in the present case and taking into account that the judge's starting point was too high, the age of the appellant and, as an act of mercy, his medical condition, their Lordships concluded that the sentence passed by the judge was longer than was necessary.

Solicitors: Mian & Co, Birmingham.

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by the Court of Appeal in the local jurisdiction.

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Middlesex selector wins final £1,000 prize

German solidity wins out with French connection

STEVEN BIRCHFIELD carried off the real honours in *The Times* Euro Interactive Team Football's main competition, but there was a final consolation prize of £1,000 to be won, encompassing the final stages of the European championship.

The winner of section five of the Euro ITF game, run in association with Wintertur, was Mr R. Sindall, of Edgware, in Middlesex, whose team, Natiannat, amassed 53 points for the section. He finished 71st overall.

Mr Sindall's XI boasted the complete set of France defenders — Thuram, Blanc, Desailly and Lizarazu — as well as the most valuable England players, Gascoigne and Shearer, and the Germany coach, Bert Vogts, whose 25 points was the highest score by either manager or player.

The full team of Mr Sindall was as follows:

Goalkeeper
Edwin van der Sar (Holland)

Full backs
Bixente Lizarazu (France)
Lilian Thuram (France)

Central defenders
Laurent Blanc (France)
Marcel Desailly (France)

Midfield players
Patrick Berger (Czech Rep, RS)
Andy Möller (Germany)
David Platt (England)
Paul Gascoigne (England)

Strikers
Jürgen Klinsmann (Germany)
Alan Shearer (England)

Manager
Bert Vogts (Germany)



Vogts, the Germany coach, had a score of 25 points



In association with

wintertur

The presentation for Mr Birchfield, the winner of Euro ITF, was made yesterday at the Credit Suisse building in Cabot Square, Trevor Brook-

ing, the former England mid-

field player and television

commentator, handed over

the cheque to the winner and

his wife.

The final standings in Euro

ITF were extremely close, with

only four points separating

Mr Birchfield's team from his

closest rival, Mr J. Bingham,

of Thames Ditton, Surrey. In

third place, five points adrift of

the winner, was Mr R. E. J.

Ryall, of Watford. Indeed, the

competition was not decided

until Oliver Bierhoff's dramatic

"golden goal" in the fifth

minute of extra time on

Sunday.

Apart from Vogts, who as

manager of the champion-

ship-winning team was al-

ways likely to be the highest

points-scorer, the leading scor-

ers in Euro ITF were a

Frenchman and an English-

man. Laurent Blanc, the

Auxerre central defender, and

Alan Shearer, the Blackburn

Rovers forward, both scored

18 points in the game. The importance of having these two players at least was emphasised by the fact that all of the leading three selectors had this double act in their side.

The perceptive Euro ITF selectors recognised the importance of having goal-scoring defenders and mid-field players in their side, as well as defenders and goal-keepers who kept clean sheets. Hence the value of players such as Lizarazu and Sammer, of Germany, who scored 12 points apiece; and also of the Czech Republic pairing of Berger — who converted the Czechs' penalty in the final — and Poborski, who amassed ten and 12 points respectively. Other valuable midfield players included Gascoigne, of England, and Vincent Guérin, of France, who both scored 13 points.

Upfield, the sole criterion was goals and thus most selectors plumped for Shearer — who scored five goals in the European championship and was the tournament's leading scorer — and Klinsmann, who, despite missing one game through suspension and one-and-a-half games through injury, still managed to find the back of the net three times during Euro 96. Three other forwards made it into double figures: Suker, of Croatia, Djorkaeff, of France, and Teddy Sheringham, of Tottenham Hotspur, who all scored ten points.

In the managers' category, it was a simple case of backing a winner — and most eventually ended up with Bert Vogts. A large number of Euro ITF selectors started the game with Vogts as their manager, although Mr Birchfield, the eventual winner, began with Javier Clemente, the Spain coach, but transferred him after the disappointing start made by the Spanish against Bulgaria.

Part of the skill in being a Euro ITF selector was choosing the correct Rising Star. Sixteen young players were selected by an expert panel before the European championship began, one from each country. However, because of the vagaries of selection, form and injuries, not all of the designated Rising Stars have played a full part in the tournament. Therefore backing the right man — most astute judges picked Zinedine Zidane, the France midfielder player — was important.

□ All queries on Euro Interactive Team Football should be directed to 0171-757 7016.



Steven Birchfield and his wife, Loraine, centre, are awarded the £25,000 prize by Peter Späth, of Wintertur, right, and Trevor Brooking

Larger Louts succeed with Bierhoff

Steven Birchfield, the Euro Interactive Team Football winner, tells James Willoughby his method of success

Oliver Bierhoff's two goals on Sunday for Germany turned around his team's fortunes and made Steven Birchfield's Mr Birchfield, from Ipswich, is now £25,000 better off, thanks to Germany's victory over the Czech Republic in the final of the European championship.

Birchfield, 31, and his wife, Loraine, had waited anxiously for the success of their Euro Interactive Team Football team. Larger Louts, to be confirmed after Bierhoff's golden goal had settled things at Wembley on Sunday evening. They had to wait only until 10pm, when a telephone call put their minds to rest and triggered the start of the celebrations in the Birchfield household.

"It is a great thrill and we are going on holiday to America to celebrate. We knew it was going to be very close in the end and I am told we would not have won if Germany had lost," Mr Birchfield, a screen printer, said.

"Ideally, I wanted the Germans to win 1-0 and for Sammer to score the goal because my other German outfield player, Reuter, wasn't playing. As soon as the Czech

Republic scored, I thought it was the end, but luckily it was Berger, my rising star, who took the penalty and that made up for Köpke, my goalkeeper, and Sammer losing their clean sheets.

"It was never a penalty, anyway. The foul was clearly outside the box."

The success of Larger Louts underlines the importance of using the transfer system to the full. Larger Louts made 19 transfers to achieve the winning combination.

"I think *The Times* Euro ITF has been a fantastic competition and I am not just saying that because I won," Mr Birchfield continued.

"I have played other games like this and you have to stick with the team you chose at the start. The interactive element makes it interesting and made the whole thing that much more exciting for us."

Mr Birchfield admitted that although he has a keen interest in European football, he needed the help of *The*

Times Euro 96 supplement to select some of his players.

"I knew most of them, but had never seen Lizarazu and Berger and picked them because of the write-up they were given. After that I kept up with the team and injury news both in *The Times* and on television."

In picking and fine-tuning his team, Mr Birchfield, an Everton fan, realised the importance of a solid defence from the start and made his back four and goalkeeper a priority.

He initially looked no further than the German pair, Sammer and Reuter, and added Köpke as the tournament reached its conclusion. Bert Vogts, the Germany coach, was an ever-present.

"The Germans are traditionally good in defence, but ironically, it was their goalkeeper, Köpke, who nearly cost me because I had used Seaman for most of the competition; Seaman is the best

goalkeeper in the world."

At the other end of the pitch, Larger Louts could drink to the success of England's Alan Shearer and Youri Djorkaeff, of France. Shearer's five goals gained much-needed points and any side without him struggled to make an impact in Euro ITF. Djorkaeff was one of the players who most impressed Mr Birchfield.

"Djorkaeff always looked dangerous and impressed me very much. I like the way he plays and he also impressed me as a team player, unlike many other strikers."

"Although I had the best side on paper, I do not think they would blend particularly well. All great sides need some players who are prepared to take a back seat. Too many individuals can spoil a team. Take Newcastle United, for example. They looked to have the last Premiership title in the bag until Keegan signed Asprilla."

The Birchfields have already planned a number of purchases with the prize money, including a wide-screen television. And their six-month-old baby, Ryan, won't be missing out. "We are going to get Ryan a shirt with 'Giggs' on the back."

STEPHEN BIRCHFIELD'S FINAL XI

GOALKEEPER: Andreas Köpke (Germany)
FULL BACKS: Stefan Reuter (Germany)
Bixente Lizarazu (France)
CENTRAL DEFENDERS: Matthias Sammer (Germany)
Laurent Blanc (France)
MIDFIELD PLAYERS: Paul Gascoigne (England)
Patrick Berger (Czech Republic)
Didier Deschamps (France)
Ronald de Boer (Holland)
STRIKERS: Youri Djorkaeff (France)
Alan Shearer (England)
MANAGER: Bert Vogts (Germany)

THE FINAL TOP 250 SELECTORS IN EURO INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pos	Team	(Player's name)
1	Larger Louts	(S Birchfield)	126	55	Chunky Spenters	(S Birchfield)	108	176	Go Aghies	(K Troughton)	103	176	Go Aghies	(K Troughton)	103	176	Go Aghies
2	J C B 1	(J Bingham)	131	55	Michael's Mavells	(M Beunatille)	110	127	Peter's Peaches	(P Howard)	105	176	The Poodles	(M Griffiths)	102	176	The Poodles
3	Trevor 2	(R E J Ryall)	130	55	Left At Dover	(T Gammage)	110	127	Best of Both Feet	(D Riley)	105	176	Nobby 42	(J Brown)	102	176	Nobby 42
4	Don't Finish 2nd	(J Ralph)	129	55	Flat Back Four	(J Wolland)	110	127	—	—	105	176	Igor's Barry Army	(R Jones)	102	176	Igor's Barry Army
5	Try Town Rockets	(C Hanson)	127	55	Nobby Nine	(J Brown)	110	127	—	—	105	176	Az44 Highgrovers	(S Linsley)	102	176	Az44 Highgrovers
6	Henny	(R Jackson)	124	55	Dock Side Rowers	(P Pearson)	110	127	Over Hill United	(M James)	105	176	Dale One	(R Sindall)	102	176	Dale One
7	Euro Paulo	(P O'Connell)	123	55	Nick's 1st Legion	(N G Barlow)	110	127	Euro Gaudry	(G Robertson)	105	176	Geobash Raiders	(G S Hayre)	102	176	Geobash Raiders
8	Eurotrash	(D Cook)	122	55	Palla Di	(C Lavo)	110	127	Baker's Dozen	(C Baker)	105	176	Ras 5	(D Shuter)	102	176	Ras 5
9	Punjabi Warriors	(K S Rai)	122	71	Tuesday 2	(M Baker)	105	127	Cream Of Europe FC	(P Brannon)	105	176	Perboid Ploddor	(G Rothwell)	103	176	Perboid Ploddor
10	Deydondodododere	(T Kelly)	121	71	Feedback	(T Stallmark)	105	127	Hudders' Heroes	(J Lofthouse)	105	176	lan's Euro Super XI	(I Tarnwell)	102	176	lan's Euro Super XI
10	Offside Wingers	(L Moore)	121	71	E On United	(J Thomas)	105	127	Ray's Boys	(R M Chase)	105	176	Buckdilly	(M Hill)	101	176	Buckdilly
10	Why No 2nd Prize?	(J Ralph)	121	71	Euro Big Boys	(J Griffin)	105	127	Last Chance City	(J Ralph)	105	176	F Connection	(F Simon)	101	176	F Connection
10	Ras A	(D Shuter)	121	71	J'aimé Almé Jacques	(D Powell)	105	127	Pole's Peasants	(P Bodford)	105	176	Wonski Maulers	(C Vile)	101	176	Wonski Maulers
14	Irish Not At Euro 96	(M Drumm)	120	71	Croston Hotspurs	(R Kilvington)	105	127	Pole's Peasants	(P Bodford)	105	176	J P Estrelles	(G Hall)	101	176	J P Estrelles
14	Euro Striders	(J O Brunt)	120	71	Natiannat	(R Sindall)	105	127	Pole's Peasants	(P Bodford)	105	176	Fulham's Fancies	(K Browne)	101	176	Fulham's Fancies
16	Peyoz X	(P Macdonald)	119	71	Midland Pirates	(M Harris)	105	127	Ras C	(J R Porter)	105	176	Euro Glants	(R Morris)	101	176	Euro Glants
17	Woolie United	(T Gilders)	117	71	Ooh Ash	(N Blackley)	105	127	Simply The Best	(M Parnam)	105	176	Duncan's Euro Dodger	(J Duncan)	101	176	Duncan's Euro Dodger
17	Nobby 17	(J Browne)	117	71	Try Town Cheaters	(C Anson)	105	127	Baker's Dozen	(G Baker)	105	176	An Irish Dream	(D Kiffin)	101	176	An Irish Dream
17	100 To 1	(S Molyneux)	117	81	—	—	105	127	Paddy's XI	(T B H Vance)	105	176	The Super Blues	(M J Irvine)	101	176	The Super Blues
20	SS Mary & Paul FC	(D Troake)	116	81	Naff All 4	(W Phillips)	105	127	Butty's Eurostars	(P Harris)	105	176	Gazza Great	(G Caffum)	101	176	Gazza Great
22	Simpsonland	(D M Simpson)	116	81	Dynamo Dece	(M Wood)	105	127	Bravestarts XI	(N O'Mullan)	104	176	B B B	(J Brown)	101	176	B B B
22	Satoraplay FC	(S Horrobin)	115	81	Euro Champs	(M Patel)	105	127	Teles Smashers	(T Johnson)	104	176	—	—	101	176	—
22	John Hunt 2	(J Hunt)	115	81	Hope And Glory	(D P Wicks)	105	127	Foot Tappers B	(G Tapper)	104	176	Game On Ltd	(D Simmons)	101	176	Game On Ltd
22	—	—	115	81	Antrobos Angels 5	(P Piddock)	105	127	Percy's Fourth Team	(P Prust)	104	176	Cad Cress 11	(D Dawson)	101	176	Cad Cress 11
22	Euro Revelation	(J Gillan)	115	81	The Mammicks	(J Utman)	105	127	—	—	104	176	Obiz	(D Sheehan)	101	176	Obiz
22	Fora Fortuna	(S Clifford)	115	81	A C Dawson	(S Clifford)	105	127	—	—	104	176	The Playmakers	(G Whitley)	101	176	The Playmakers
22	Nobby 32	(J Brown)	115	81	Pasquetti's Team	(S Pamham)	105	127	—	—	104	176	And 30 Years Later	(G Wells)	101	176	And 30 Years Later
22	The Dogs	(D Fawcett)	115	81	Donna Four	(D Lewis)	105	127	—	—	104	176	Rapid Declined	(M Douglas)	101	176	Rapid Declined
29	Magik Murray	(M Macmillan)	114	81	True Romance	(G Harris)	105	127	—	—	104	176	Where Is Norway?	(R Sanders)	101	176	Where Is Norway?
29	Portugese Kings	(C M H-Homera)	114	81	15 18 Characters	(P Legerton)	105	127	—	—	104	176	Tryforn Rockers	(C Anson)	101	176	Tryforn Rockers
29	The Money's All Mike	(T Hall)	114	81	F C Stonehill	(N Pryde)	105	127	—	—	104	176	Betty's Boopers	(J N Fairfax)	101	176	Betty's Boopers
29	Disco Culo	(J Nicoll)	114	81	Eurostar	(J Whittle)	105	127	—	—	104	176	Griggs' Euro XII	(J Brown)	101	176	Griggs' Euro XII
29	50 Years Of The Best	(S Cooke)	114	81	Cameron Athan	(J R Reader)	105	127	—	—	104	176	Yershi's Golden Euro	(S Vanshore)	100	176	Yershi's Golden Euro
29	Gib's Eleven	(P F Davis)	114	81	European Hotspurs	(R M Ismail)	105	127	—	—	104	176	Dave's Team	(D Harwood)	100	176	Dave's Team
29	Euro Tardier	(M Vorajee)	113	81	Langton Longballs	(M Ward)	105	127	—	—	104	176	K C's Bouncers	(M Reader)	100	176	K C's Bouncers
35	K-6 1	(A Luckhurst)	113	81	Isan's Team	(P Thompson)	105	127	—	—	104	176	Old Stationers	(D Hudson)	100	176	Old Stationers
35	Str's No 2's	(S Dickson)	113	81	Clash City Rockers	(P Thompson)	105	127	—	—	104	176	Sheer Magic	(P Walker)	100	176	Sheer Magic
35	Haggis	(J Atkin)	113	81	Years On My Pillow	(J Hood)	105	127	—	—	104	176	Rob's Rangers	(R Aue)	100	176	Rob's Rangers
35	The Troy Town Packer	(C Anson)	113	81	Sabmar Killers	(P B O'Byrne)	105	127	—	—	104	176	Hart's Heroes	(J Hart)	100	176	Hart's Heroes
40	Smiley the best!	(M Ambler)	112	81	Brainbow United	(G Weiss)	105	127	—	—	104	176	—	—	100	176	—
40	Kewin Villa	(J Martin)	112	81	Queenswood United	(D Kitchener)	105	127	—	—	104	176	—	—	100	176	—
40	Mitneygale	(S Henningham)	112	81	Euro Elm	(E Sipe)	105	127	—	—	104	176	—	—	100	176	—
40	Experimental "G"	(T Sainsbury)	112	81	Langford United	(J Furl)	105	127	—	—	104	176	—	—	100	176	—
40	Mervilla	(W D J Moore)	112	81	Emmatus All	(W M Brown)	105	127	—	—	104	176	—	—	100	176	—
40	Troy Town Sharks	(C Anson)	112	81	Mail 150496	(G Dear)	105	127	—	—	104	176	—	—	100	176	—
40	J G 3	(J Goody)	112	81	Nasor 2	(W Phillips)	105	127	—	—	104	176	—	—	100	176	—
47	Croat Horrible	(S Horrobin)	111	81	Nelson's Dream	(M Barry)	105	127	—	—	104	176	—	—	100		

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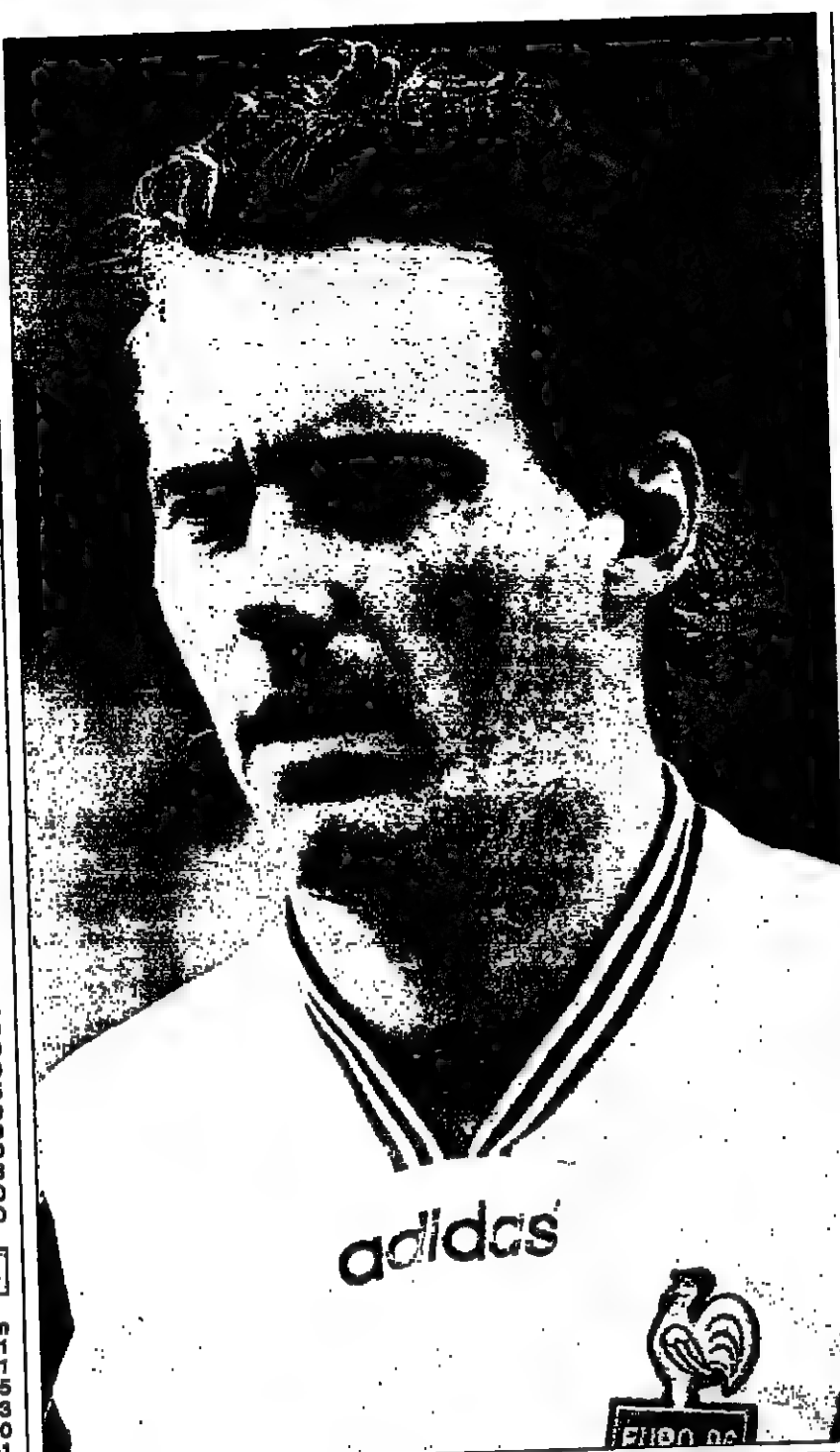
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10101	Borislav Myhalov	(Bulgaria, Reading)	0 -1
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10103	Zdravko Zdravkov	(Bulgaria, Slavia Sofia)	0 0
10201	Tonci Gabric	(Croatia, Hajduk Split)	0 0
10202	Drazen Ladice	(Croatia, Croatia Zagreb)	0 +7
10203	Marijan Mamic	(Croatia, Varteks Varazdin)	0 -5
10301	Petr Kouba	(Czech Rep, Sparta Prague)	-5 -5
10302	Ludek Miklosko	(Czech Rep, West Ham United)	0 0
10303	Pavel Smisek	(Czech Rep, Newcastle United)	0 0
10304	Ladislav Moler	(Czech Rep, Slovan Liberec)	0 0
10401	Lars Hoegh	(Denmark, Odense)	0 0
10402	Mogens Krogh	(Denmark, Brondby)	0 0
10403	Peter Schmeichel	(Denmark, Manchester United)	0 -2
10501	Tim Flowers	(England, Blackburn Rovers)	0 0
10502	David Seaman	(England, Arsenal)	-13 -6
10503	Ian Walker	(England, Tottenham Hotspur)	0 0
10601	Fabien Barthez	(France, Monaco)	-7 -4
10602	Bernard Lama	(France, Paris Saint-Germain)	0 0
10603	Bruno Martini	(France, Montpellier)	0 0
10701	Oliver Kahn	(Germany, Bayern Munich)	0 0
10702	Stefan Klos	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	0 0
10703	Andreas Koepke	(Germany, Eintracht Frankfurt)	0 +4
10704	Oliver Reck	(Germany, Werder Bremen)	0 0
10801	Ed de Goey	(Holland, Feyenoord)	0 -2
10802	Edwin van der Sar	(Holland, Ajax)	0 0
10803	Ruud Hesp	(Holland, Roda JC)	0 0
10901	Luca Bucci	(Italy, Parma)	0 0
10902	Angelo Peruzzi	(Italy, Juventus)	0 +1
10903	Francesco Toldo	(Italy, Fiorentina)	0 0
11001	Vitor Baia	(Portugal, FC Porto)	0 +8
11002	Alfredo Castro	(Portugal, Boavista)	0 0
11003	Rui Correia	(Portugal, Braga)	0 0
11004	Paulo Costa	(Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)	0 0
11101	Florin Tene	(Romania, Rapid Bucharest)	0 0
11102	Florin Prunea	(Romania, Dinamo Bucharest)	0 -3
11103	Bogdan Stelea	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	0 0
11201	Stanislav Cherchesov	(Russia, FC Tyot)	0 -5
11202	Dmitri Kharine	(Russia, Chelsea)	0 0
11203	Sergei Ovtchinnikov	(Russia, Lokomotiv Moscow)	0 +7
11301	Andy Goram	(Scotland, Hibernian)	0 0
11302	Jim Leighton	(Scotland, Partick Thistle)	0 0
11401	Nicky Walker	(Spain, Valencia)	0 0
11402	Andoni Zubizarreta	(Spain, Real Madrid)	0 0
11403	Santiago Caizares	(Spain, Atletico Madrid)	0 0
11501	José Molina	(Switzerland, Servette)	0 -5
11502	Stephane Lehmann	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	0 0
11503	Marco Pascolo	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	0 0
11601	Pascal Zuberbuehler	(Switzerland, Neuchâtel)	0 0
11602	José Cominbaur	(Turkey, Fenerbahce)	0 -8
11603	Erkan Arslan	(Turkey, Ankaragucupspor)	0 0
11604	Gyomay Samner	(Turkey, Altayspor)	0 0

FULL BACKS

Code	Name	(Country, club)	Wk Cum
20131	Ivan Kiryakov	(Bulgaria, Anorthosis)	0 +1
20132	Radoslin Kishilev	(Bulgaria, Neftohimik B - RS)	0 -5
20133	Emil Kreneliev	(Bulgaria, Olympiakos)	0 -3
20134	Tzanko Tsvetanov	(Bulgaria, Waldhof Mannheim)	0 0
20231	Elvis Bratkovic	(Croatia, Bayern Munich)	0 -1
20232	Robert Jarni	(Croatia, Real Betis)	0 -1
20233	Nikola Jurcovic	(Croatia, FC Croatia)	0 -6
20331	Dario Simic	(Czech Rep, Schalke 04)	0 -6
20332	Radoslav Latal	(Czech Rep, Slavia Prague)	0 0
20333	Jiri Lerch	(Czech Rep, Sparta Prague)	-3 -7
20334	Tomaz Repka	(Czech Rep, Sigma Olomouc)	+1 +1
20335	Jan Suchoparek	(Czech Rep, Sigma Olomouc)	0 +2
20431	Thomas Helveg	(Denmark, Silkeborg - RS)	0 -5
20432	Jacob Laursen	(Denmark, Aarhus)	0 0
20433	Torben Pehrskjær	(Denmark, Brondby)	0 0
20434	Jens Rasmussen	(England, Liverpool)	0 +4
20531	Gary Neville	(England, Manchester United - RS)	0 0
20532	Philipp Neville	(England, Manchester United)	+2 +7
20533	Stuart Pearce	(England, Tottenham Hotspur)	0 0
20534	Soi Campbell	(France, Turin)	0 +1
20631	Jocelyn Angloma	(France, AS Monaco)	0 +12
20632	Eric de Meo	(France, Bordeaux)	+3 +8
20633	Blazek Lisarski	(France, AS Monaco)	+1 +7
20731	Ulfen Thuram	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	0 0
20732	Stefan Reuter	(Germany, Rostock)	0 0
20733	Rene Schneider	(Holland, Ajax)	0 +4
20831	Frank de Boer	(Holland, Ajax)	0 +5
20832	Winston Bogarde	(Italy, AC Milan)	0 -8
20833	Michael Reiziger	(Italy, AC Milan)	0 +8
20931	Luigi Apolloni	(Italy, AC Milan)	0 0
20932	Amel Carboni	(Italy, AC Milan)	0 0
20933	Paolo Maldini	(Italy, AC Milan)	0 0
21031	Roberto Mussi	(Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)	0 0
21032	Fernando Nelsom	(Portugal, FC Porto)	0 +1
21033	Paulinho Santos	(Portugal, FC Porto)	0 +2
21131	Carlos Scharner	(Portugal, Boavista)	0 0
21132	José Tavares	(Romania, Universitatea Cluj)	0 0
21133	Dimitar Telatar	(Romania, Chelva)	0 -5
21231	Corneliu Papura	(Romania, Chelva)	0 -8
21232	Dan Petrescu	(Romania, Dinamo Moscow)	0 -8
21233	Tibor Selmayes	(Russia, Spartak Moscow)	0 0
21331	Yuri Kovtun	(Russia, Spartak Moscow)	0 -3
21332	Ramiz Mamedov	(Russia, Spartak Moscow)	0 -3
21333	Sergei Gorkovskiy	(Scotland, Celtic)	0 +1
21431	Tommy Boyd	(Scotland, Celtic)	0 +1
21432	Craig Burley	(Scotland, Aberdeen)	0 0
21433	Stewart McMillin	(Scotland, Celtic)	0 -2
21531	Brian O'Neill	(Spain, Barcelona)	0 -1
21532	Toshi McKinlay	(Spain, Real Zaragoza)	0 -2
21533	Sergi Barja	(Spain, Barcelona)	0 -2
21631	Albert Ferrer	(Spain, Valencia)	0 -1
21632	Jorge Otero	(Spain, Atlético Madrid)	0 -4
21633	J. Lopez Martinez	(Switzerland, Servette)	0 -6
21731	Marc Holliger	(Switzerland, Sion)	0 -2
21732	Yvan Quentin	(Switzerland, Neuchâtel)	0 -3
21733	Sebastien Jeanneret	(Switzerland, Sion)	0 -8
21831	Raphael Wicky	(Turkey, Besiktas)	0 0
21832	Recep Ciftci	(Turkey, Karabukspor)	0 0
21833	Incefe Vedat	(Turkey, Karabukspor)	0 0

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Code	Name	(Country, club)	Wk Cum
30131	Krasimir Chomakov	(Bulgaria, Maritsa Plovdiv)	0 0
30132	Valentin Darilov	(Bulgaria, Levski Sofia)	0 0
30133	Gosho Ganchev	(Bulgaria, Denizlispor)	0 -7
30134	Peter Hubchev	(Bulgaria, Rapid Vienna)	0 0
30231	Tsvetan Ivanov	(Croatia, Varteks Varazdin)	0 0
30232	Steven Bilic	(Croatia, Real Oviedo)	0 +4
30233	Nikola Jerkan	(Croatia, Hajduk Split)	0 -6
30331	Dubravko Pavlicic	(Croatia, Croatia Zagreb)	0 -6
30332	Zvonimir Soldo	(Croatia, Derby County)	0 +4
30333	Igor Stimac	(Czech Rep, Sparta Prague)	+4 +2
30431	Michal Hornek	(Czech Rep, Kaiserslautern)	+2 +0
30432	Miroslav Kadlec	(Czech Rep, Petra Dvůr)	+4 +4
30433	Lubos Kubik	(Czech Rep, Sigma Olomouc)	0 -2
30531	Karel Rada	(Denmark, Fensbohus)	0 0
30532	Jens Hoegh	(Denmark, Brondby)	0 0
30533	Lars Olsen	(Denmark, West Ham United)	-1 +3
30631	Marc Rieper	(England, Arsenal)	0 0
30632	Tony Adams	(England, Manchester United)	0 0
30633	Gary Pallister	(England, Aston Villa)	-2 +3
30731	Gareth Southgate	(England, Newcastle United)	+7 +18
30732	Steve Howey	(France, Auxerre)	+4 +9
30733	Laurent Blanc	(France, AC Milan)	0 0
30831	Marcel Desailly	(France, Strasbourg)	+3 +1
30832	Frank LeBoeuf	(France, Paris Saint-Germain)	-2 +3
30833	Alain Roche	(Germany, Bayern Munich)	-3 +8
30931	Merkus Babbel	(Germany, Bayern Munich)	0 0
30932	Thomas Helmer	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	0 0
30933	Jürgen Kohler	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	-4 +12
31031	Mathias Sammer	(Holland, Ajax)	0 +2
31032	Danny Blind	(Holland, Roda JC)	0 +8
31033	Johan de Kock	(Holland, PSV Eindhoven)	0 0
31131	Stan Valick	(Holland, Sparta Rotterdam)	0 0
31132	John Veldman	(Italy, AC Milan)	0 0
31133	Alessandro Costacurta	(Italy, Juventus)	0 0
31231	Ciro Ferrara	(Italy, Juventus)	0 0
31232	Moreno Torricelli	(Italy, Lazio)	0 +9
31233	Alessandro Nesta	(Portugal, Benfica)	0 +5
31331	Fernando Couto	(Portugal, Benfica)	0 0
31332	Reider Cristovao	(Portugal, Belenenses)	0 0
31333	Paulo Madeira	(Portugal, Boavista)	0 0
31431	Carlos Magalhães	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	0 -3
31432	Fernando Mendes	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	-2 -10
31433	Anton Dobos	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	0 -8
31531	George Mihail	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	0 -4
31532	George Popescu	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	0 -4
31533	Daniel Prodan	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	0 -2
31631	Miodrag Belodedici	(Russia, CSKA Moscow)	0 -1
31632	Vyngny Bushmanov	(Russia, Spartak Moscow)	0 -11
31633	Yuri Nikiforov	(Russia, Spartak Moscow)	0 -10
31731	Omar Tetrads	(Russia, Spartak Moscow)	0 -10



Blanc, of France, was one of the two most valuable players in Euro ITF

Code	Name	(Country, club)	Wk Cum
40141	Colin Calderwood	(Scotland, Tottenham Hotspur)	0 +4
40142	Colin Hendry	(Scotland, Blackburn Rovers)	0 +4
40143	Alan McLaren	(Scotland, Rangers)	0 0
40144	Derek Whyte	(Scotland, Middlesbrough)	0 0
40145	Rafael Alkorta	(Spain, Real Madrid)	-2 -2
40146	Alejandro Fernandez	(Spain, Real Madrid)	0 0
40147	Fernando Hierro	(Spain, Real Madrid)	0 +1
40148	Miquel Angel Nadal	(Spain, Real Madrid)	-2 -2
40149	Alain Geiger	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	0 -5
40150	Stephane Henchoz	(Switzerland, Sion)	0 -7
40151	Dominique Herr	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	0 -7
40152	Roman Vaga	(Switzerland, Neuchâtel)	0 -7
40153	Regis Rothenbuehler	(Switzerland, Neuchâtel)	0 -7
40154	Alpay Ozal	(Turkey, Besiktas)	-4 -5
40155	Bulent Korkmaz	(Turkey, Galatasaray)	0 -5
40156	Ogun Temizkanlioglu	(Turkey, Trabzonspor)	0 0
40157	Ozkoymu Gaman	(Turkey, Trabzonspor)	0 0

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	(Country, club)	Wk Cum
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Macallan chairman can only drown his sorrows □ Threat to watchdog's future □ City still awaits market it deserves

The dram busters

ALLAN SHIACH, chairman of Macallan-Glenlivet, enjoys a second life as an occasional Hollywood scriptwriter. An odd fact, that, but the speed and brutality with which his family firm was sold down the river should provide him with plenty of background for a high-finance blockbuster — not so much *Wall Street* as *Malt Street*.

There was nary a sign of a Macallan face at the City briefings by Highland Distillers, the purchaser. The deal was stitched up by the Japanese Suntory, which has agreed to sell its 25 per cent holding in Macallan into a Highland-controlled joint venture and remain as a passive investor while still handling distribution in the Japanese market. This triggered an automatic bid for the remaining 49 per cent.

Macallan was left considering its options, which are limited. The family hold 20 per cent and there are a few supportive institutions in there, but the new men in control can simply turn off the dividend flow. Life is never comfortable as a dissident minority investor, and the family will eventually have to sell.

A Highland strike was always inevitable, and it was always going to be expensive. The price is almost 30 times this year's forecast profits, but Highland is unlikely to rue the deal, which adds a Speyside single malt to its

stable of Highland and Islay brands. It brings Macallan's well-aged stocks to a company that only went seriously into single malts in the 1970s, yesterday in whisky terms.

Highland acquired its stake from Remy in January, at £52.5p a share when Macallan's price was in the 180s. The two are close — there is a cross shareholding and distribution links, part of a tangle of stakes that mean Highland will not itself suffer the indignity of a hostile takeover. Yesterday the outstanding equity was bid for at £52.5p, when the share price was again in the 180s. A strange situation, a hostile takeover bid at a discount to the market value. No wonder Highland shares rose.

The strike comes as whisky prices recover from several years of heavy discounting, caused by high levels of stocks and pressure from the big supermarkets.

A whisky that sells at £8.99 a bottle is either a very poor one, or one sold at less than the price of production. For decent brands, £10 is the real barrier, and one crossed in the wrong direction by Whyte & Mackay in 1994. The

result was that the other good brands, Bell's, Teachers and Highland's The Famous Grouse, were forced to follow.

The damage has been repaired, and they are back grouped around the £12 level, which is where they like to be, after forcing through 4 per cent price increases at the start of the year. Whisky is again a profitable business to be in.

But it is also a remarkably relaxed one, and the shake-up Highland is delivering may be overdue. Hard to imagine the chairman of a big engineering moonlighting, say, as an occasional writer of romantic novels.

Regulators must be allowed to regulate

WATCH out for BT. Its behind-the-scenes lobbying threatens to shake up the very nature of regulation, and the consumer could be the loser.

BT is not war, as usual, with Don Cruickshank, the Ofcom Director-General. Mr Cruickshank has made some effort to broker a peace — his proposed



new price controls on BT's services are much less tight than the current ones — but he appears to be holding his ground on the competition clause he wants to insert into BT's operating licence. The clause would allow him, in effect, to be judge, jury and executioner on behavior he deems to be anti-competitive.

BT argues that such a clause is inherently unfair unless it comes with the right of appeal. Unless it gets that right, the company will probably reject the entire regulatory package, leaving Mr Cruickshank no alternative but to take the matter to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

It is easy to sympathise with BT's position, because the right of appeal in a democratic society

is no luxury. But BT is not an ordinary citizen. The company still dominates almost every sector in which it operates, and complaints about misbehaviour — the latest from the cable companies, which have rightly accused BT of cold-calling their ex-directory customers to win them back — are common.

The real issue, however, is the future of regulation itself. Regulators exist to regulate. If BT is awarded the right to challenge Mr Cruickshank's every decision, then he would cease to be a regulator, becoming instead little more than a commentator. More important, if BT gets appeal rights it would be difficult to deny them to other regulated utilities. Could British Gas and water and electricity companies be far behind?

BT, of course, already has an appeal mechanism in the form of the MMC. Ofcom and BT have used the MMC in the past, most lately to determine whether the Yellow Pages business was abusing its market position. It should be up to the MMC to decide whether Mr Cruickshank should be allowed to go forward with his

competition clause and, in the interest of consumers, the MMC should come down on Mr Cruickshank's side.

Exchange on the road to nowhere

THERE was a telling moment at the Stock Exchange's briefing designed to point the way to a more transparent, better-run market. Whatever happened to the report on corporate governance the Exchange's board commissioned, someone asked. All complete. Will it be released? Certainly not, said John Kemp-Welch, the chairman. You will only get to see the bits that are good for you.

Stripped of all the waffle, the Exchange's medium-term business plan shows some awareness of the problem and precious little idea where to go next. There is much about developing relationships and promoting markets, and sticking to core skills.

The authorities have reacted as any business would that was threatened by outside and more efficient competition. They have

slashed costs to bring these in line with falling revenues. The Exchange's problem is that it has stood still, and time and competitors have not. It is still a cosy cartel dominated by jocular insiders with an ill-defined regulatory role whose main concern is to exclude foreign securities houses rather than designing a game at which the home team can hope to win. Witness the mindless delays that have beset computerised share trading.

A decade after Big Bang, hundreds of millions have been spent and we still do not have a system for allowing one investor to trade with another on a variety of specialised markets adequate for the last years of this century. This is all anyone should want from a stock exchange.

Shocks all round

WHEN the corporate megalomania that is United Utilities was born, we were all told of the obvious synergies to be gained by running a water and power company under one roof, which rather implies that this would be easier than running them separately. But no: it is now much more difficult, you see, so the directors need more money. A few more deals, and the company should be all but impossible to run, and the directors' pay really up in the stratosphere.

S&N gets a kick start after £308m at full time

By ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE European soccer championships have helped Scottish & Newcastle, the brewing and leisure company, kick off to a strong start this year. Brian Stewart, chief executive, said sales had increased throughout June — and with consumer spending set to improve in the UK and continental Europe, he was optimistic beer sales would remain buoyant.

Mr Stewart added that the integration of Courage, acquired for £550 million from Foster's last August, was running ahead of schedule and cost savings of £9 million had already been made. Scottish anticipates that cost savings will increase to £45 million this year reaching a total of £75 million a year by 1999.

Mr Stewart's comments came as S&N unveiled a 16 per cent rise in full-year profits before tax and exceptional to £308 million. The company made £151 million exceptional charges to cover the reorganisation of Courage, although the acquisition has been earnings enhancing.

The retail division increased operating profits 10 per cent to £157 million, boosted by a strong performance from managed pubs, where profits rose 16 per cent. But tenanted pub profits fell 5 per cent after the disposal of 280 pubs as part of the Office of Fair Trading requirements for the Courage takeover. But the company

insisted it planned no more disposals from its tenanted estate. S&N added that it would concentrate on revamping 140 Chef and Brewer pubs, with an emphasis on food, and was looking to roll out nationally its youth orientated chains such as the Rat and Parrot.

The brewing division increased profits 48 per cent to £121 million, including a 37 week contribution from Courage. On a like-for-like basis profits rose 3 per cent to £85 million. Scottish said it has enjoyed a strong second half, with profits rising 9 per cent due to cost savings and a switch to premium brands. International sales increased to 400,000 barrels, with strong growth in the US and Europe.

Profits in the leisure division, which includes Centre Parcs and Pontins, fell 2.6 per cent to £86 million due to increased development costs and weak consumer spending in continental Europe. But the company reported an improvement in bookings, which should show through in the second half.

S&N added that its balance sheet position had improved, with free cash flow of £48 million. Total dividend is up 8 per cent to 19.43p with 12.88p final payable on September 2.

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John Randall wants to reduce MFI's dependence on the UK housing market

MFI plans more European stores

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

MFI, the furniture group, is considering an expansion into Spain and Portugal and plans to open up to 25 new stores in France this year.

The company, which yesterday revealed a 12 per cent drop in pre-tax profits for the year ending April 27 to £58.1 million, wants to lessen its exposure to the performance of the UK housing market.

It opened 25 new stores in France last year, making a total of 86. They made a profit of £1 million. MFI's first retailing profit in France in ten years of operating there. Derek Hunt, chairman, said the company will open 20 to 25 new stores in France in the coming year and was now researching the possibility of opening stores in Spain and Portugal. He said it was a natural progression. The company has also set up four

German retail partnerships in the past year.

MFI, whose managing director is John Randall, is recommending a final dividend of 2.9p, making a full-year dividend of 4.4p compared to 4.25p per share last year.

Profits were down because of a squeeze on margins due to a sharp rise in raw material costs in the first half of last year. The cost of converting many of MFI's UK stores into the new Homeworks format — with a different floor layout, better lighting and less warehouse space — also weighed on profits. It aims to convert all its 184 UK stores to the format in the next three years.

The shares rose 6p yesterday to close at 180p.

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Carclo share price falls on warning

SHARES in Carclo Engineering fell 29p to 263p yesterday after the specialist engineering company issued a warning that slower order books will knock first-half profits (Clare Stewart writes).

Ian Williamson, chief executive, said: "The order intake across the group is stable, but not growing at present."

Carclo also announced its results for the year to March, which were in line with City expectations. Pre-tax profits rose by 9.3 per cent to £18.2 million.

Earnings per share before exceptional items jumped 10.6 per cent to 20.6p.

The total dividend is increased to 10.75p a share from 10p, with a final 7.31p.

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Sunderland lands top job at Cadbury

By CLARE STEWART

CADBURY SCHWEPPE'S has appointed John Sunderland, 50, as its new group chief executive, to succeed David Wellings.

Mr Wellings, 55, announced his intention to retire in March. He will hand over to Mr Sunderland on September 9, just after the announcement of the group's interim results.

Mr Sunderland joined the Cadbury board in 1993, when he was appointed managing director of group confectionery. He joined the group as a graduate in 1968 and has held a number of senior appointments, including commercial director of Coca-Cola and Schweppes Beverages, and managing director of Trebor Bassett Group.

A number of other management changes are expected. A spokesperson said they would be finalised by September.

Mr Wellings was Cadbury's highest-paid director last year, with a total package, including pension contributions, of £676,000. As head of group confectionery, Mr Sunderland has a £366,000 package.

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Restaurant group expects to incur first-half loss after BSE scare

Tough on Aberdeen Steak Houses

By CLARE STEWART

THE BSE scare claimed another victim as Aberdeen Steak Houses, the restaurant group, predicted a first-half loss for 1996. Worries about "mad cow" disease put diners off their steak, and for the fifth year running, the dividend is off the menu.

Despite much-improved results for 1995, Ali Salih, chairman, said that the outcome for 1996 remained uncertain. But he said: "I believe there will be no permanent damage to the overall businesses."

With sites in popular tourist locations

across London's West End, Aberdeen is traditionally reliant on the second half of the year, coinciding with the peak holiday season. A manager at one of the Oxford Street restaurants said that business had now picked up, having been hit in April by the BSE scare.

Last year the group saw pre-tax profits quadruple from £541,000 to £2.21 million, with turnover up 18 per cent to £18.16 million. Earnings per share jumped from 2.2p to 11.6p. Sales were boosted by the opening of two new steak restaurants and the upgrading of a number of other

outlets. The 35-strong chain includes 24 Angus and Aberdeen steak restaurants, as well as two American Burger outlets. Other outlets include coffee shops and a new brasserie formal.

Shares in Aberdeen Steak Houses, which are traded on the USM, were unchanged at 36p. The shares are expected to trade on Oxfex when the USM ends this year. There was no hint yesterday whether Mr Salih, who has close to 80 per cent of the shares, will move, as has been speculated, to buy out minority shareholders.

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IN FACT the widely-accepted Random Walk theory says that you will beat the pros at picking shares by simply blindfolding yourself and sticking a pin in the share table in your newspaper.

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Wall Street helps London to move further ahead

SHARE prices on the London stock market extended Friday's gains with the help of an early mark-up on Wall Street after the weekend break.

The FT-SE 100 index closed at its best of the day with a rise of 14.6 points at 3,725.6 as political worries receded. But turnover left much to be desired, with just 606 million shares changing hands by the close. Fund managers were in no rush to open fresh positions at the start of the new quarter. The absence of any hard corporate news and the effect of the summer season kept them sidelined.

Among blue chips, BTR continued to hit new lows with a fall of 3p at 248.4p despite announcing its latest disposal aimed at repositioning the group. It is selling a sister Peter for £80 million to Schroder Ventures. The group has now raised £481 million from disposals this year, but that did not impress the City.

Glaxo Wellcome also rose 3p to 869p after raising £580 million from a disposal, while Thermo EMI slipped 3p to £17.91, having sold its security business for £61 million.

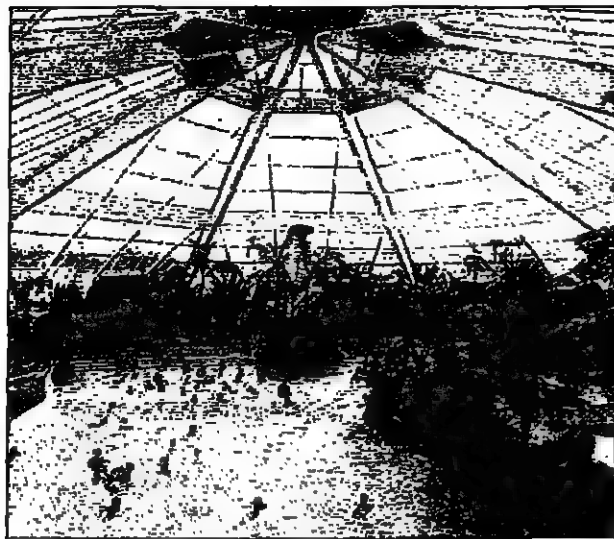
ADT, the Bermuda-based car auction and security group headed by Michael Ashcroft, put on a late spurt to finish 39.5p dearer at £15.50 after agreeing a \$5 billion bid from Republic Industries.

The terms value ADT at \$26 (£16.70). Only last month ADT agreed to pay £85 million for Automated Security Holdings, up 8p at 45p.

Shares of Macallan-Glenlivet, the whisky distiller, tumbled 29p to 158p after Highland Distillers, The Famous Grouse, teamed up with Suntory, the Japanese drinks giant, to bid for the remaining 49 per cent of the company they do not already own.

The terms of the offer are at a substantial discount to the ruling market price. Highland's offer is worth £52.50 a share compared with the 187p Macallan closed at on Friday. The deal values Macallan at £180 million. In January Highland paid 152.5p for 26 per cent of Macallan, Suntory also has 25.2 per cent of Macallan and now both companies intend getting together to form a joint company, Highland, 3p dearer at 374p, does not intend to increase the terms.

MFI Furniture was marked up higher at 180p on



Center Parcs' contribution fell short for S&N, up 4p

the back of some positive comments about prospects and a 15 per cent surge in sales — its biggest since the 1980s. That has led to brokers increasing their profit forecasts for the current year.

Nick Bubb, retail analyst at Mees Pierson, has increased his final numbers by £13 million to £77 million, claiming that the group should be

able to maintain sales growth of 15 per cent a year. Full-year figures from Scotland & Newcastle, Britain's biggest brewer, lived up to City expectations and the shares were rewarded with a rise of 4p to 663p. Pre-tax profits were up from £265 million to £302 million before charges of £150.8 million relating to the creation of Scottish Courage, which is now expected

to make savings of £75 million a year. Center Parcs saw its profit contribution fall.

A warning about a shortfall in first-half profits left Carclo Engineering nursing a fall of 29p to 263p. Last year Carclo increased pre-tax profits from £16.6 million to £18.2 million. Shares of Richards Group were suspended at 24p while awaiting the publication of

delayed full-year figures. The group announced in May that it had come across a number of accounting errors that would lead to the company reporting a substantial loss. It is currently in talks with the bank about securing the required facilities to see it through.

Waterhouse Group saw its shares suspended at 31p pending the late filing of its

accounts. The Stock Exchange said that yesterday's suspensions brought the number of companies whose shares have been frozen, so far, this year to nine.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Taking a livery at Barclays

LONG faces at the opening of Barclays first London-based private bank yesterday, situated only a few doors down from its global private banking arm at 54 Grosvenor Street.

After 15 years working together, livermen Denis Flaherty, 54, and John Taylor, 56, are being kept apart. They started out in the executive dining rooms at 54 Lombard Street, then both moved with Barclays to Royal Mint Court. In 1993, the double act changed into morning suits, and moved to 49 Grosvenor Street.

Yesterday, Denis was moved to the bank's new offices at 59 Grosvenor Street. John sighs: "We're still going to meet up for our ritual cup of tea - 150 yards won't keep us apart."

Personal view

NEDCOR SECURITIES in Johannesburg is distancing itself from a recent report written by analyst Michael Coulson in its London office, who painted a negative picture of South African Breweries, recommending that holdings in the stock be reduced. An embarrassed apology has been issued by the company and, according to Richard Lautscher, Nedcor group chief executive, the report misinterpreted developments in the South African economy, expressing "the personal views of the analyst concerned". To add to the confusion, the analyst shares his name with a well-known financial journalist in South Africa.



Peter Birch is to retire from Abbey National

Second place

A CONSOLATION prize for Charles Toner who looks out of the running for Peter Birch's job, when he retires as chief executive of the Abbey National in April 1998. The bank confirmed yesterday that Mr Toner, 54, managing director of the retail division, and a candidate for Peter Robinson's job at the Woolwich, will act as the bank's deputy chief executive until retirement.

Offline Tory

PAUL SYKES, the Yorkshire business tycoon and Britain's 72nd richest man, has mysteriously withdrawn as Tory candidate for the Labour stronghold of Barnsley Central only two months after his selection. According to the Conservative Association, Mr Sykes's Integrated Technology Europe and Planet Online Internet business is taking up too much of his time. But according to an unhappy Mr Sykes: "The truth is, I'm finding it increasingly difficult to keep the party line on Europe."

Brave step

JOHN SUNDERLAND, 50, who takes over from David Wellings as group chief executive at Cadbury Schweppes this autumn, was recovering yesterday from a "wild" weekend. The man who likes nothing better than to chew on a caramel Milk Tray was dancing the night away last Saturday in spite of a broken knee, celebrating his youngest son's 18th birthday.

MORAG PRESTON

Generation of 'grey power' is growing in significance

Philip Bassett on why business is rethinking its attitude towards older workers



His generation: Pete Townshend of The Who is an example for older workers

When Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan and The Who played at the weekend to 150,000 people in London's Hyde Park, these Sixties pop icons proved that they are not yet too old to rock 'n' roll. Business is slowly learning the same lesson, that older is not synonymous with useless; and today a range of blue chip companies, including Marks & Spencer, Whitbread, BT, Ford, IBM, Commercial Union, Midland, Peugeot and Unilever, will examine a new study showing what business is increasingly coming to realise is the value of older workers - the so-called "third age" group.

"If through unfair discrimination, by design or by accident, we remove older workers from the potential labour force, we reduce the capacity of our economy to grow, and we increase the load on younger and future generations," said Howard Davies, deputy governor of the Bank of England and former head of the CBI.

Bill Cockburn, chief executive of WH Smith, is adamant that getting rid of older workers simply because of their age is both foolish and expensive. He acknowledges that many companies faced with pressure to cut costs shed older staff first, but argues that it is a false economy and that the climate for such moves is in any case changing.

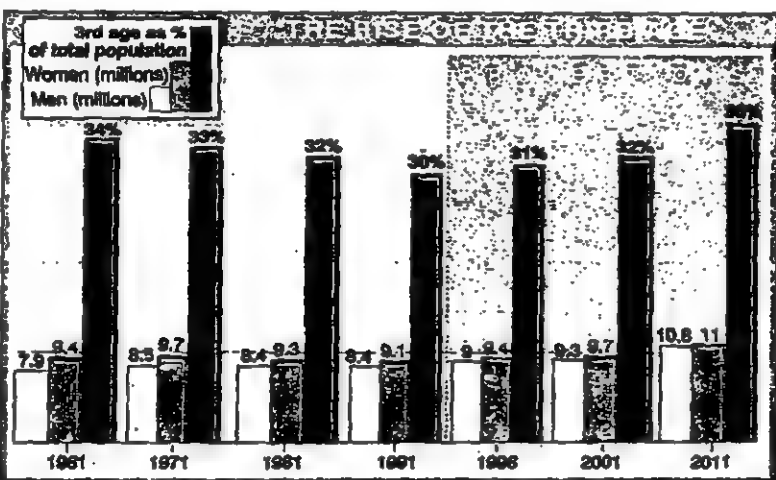
Mr Davies agrees: "It is salutary to note that in both France and Germany, many major employers are putting early retirement behind them as a means of downsizing and are looking at other ways of reducing capacity when they have to."

Today's study from the Carnegie Trust, drawn up in close co-operation with business, goes further. It says that Britain will need to create 1.4 million new jobs just to fund the pensions and benefits of those who are retired - and this at a time when the workforce is contracting, falling by half a million over the past five years, rather than increasing as the Government predicted.

Business leaders have come together this summer to create the Employers' Forum on Age, aimed at persuading employers to recognise the significance of age as an employment issue, and of both the value of older workers and the cost of getting rid of them unnecessarily - often, as Mr Davies points out, "by assuming that they can load the cost on to the pension scheme".

Fred Edwards, chairman of the Carnegie Trust's third age programme committee, says: "People in the third age provide us with an opportunity for a huge new injection of talent, wisdom and experience, provided we make use of them - instead of wasting them through ageist attitudes and stereotypes."

As the graphic indicates, in 1961 17.3 million people were third age - so called because they have completed their second age of conventional work and child rearing, but have yet to reach



the fourth age of dependency - according to the Government's Office for National Statistics. ONS projections, however, suggest that by 2011 there will be up to 19 million, and by 2031, after an even more rapid acceleration, 21.8 million.

Though the overall population is increasing - official projections suggest that it will be 59.8 million by the turn of the century and 61.3 million a decade later - the proportion who are third age is growing too: projected to rise from 30 per cent in 1991 to 36 per cent in the year 2011, driven by longer life expectancy.

This has a strong impact on a range of economic issues, including pensions and the ability to pay for them. At the same time, many companies have been restructuring by getting rid of their older workers, so that even though there are more older people, their economic activity rate - the proportion of them

participating in the economy - has steadily fallen over the past 25 years, and is set to fall further into the next century.

For men aged 55 to 59, for instance, participation rates are down from 74 per cent in 1995 to 69 per cent in 2006. And the recession of the early 1990s had already taken its toll, pushing down participation from 81 per cent in 1990.

Greater workforce flexibility has not helped third age workers, today's report suggests. Chasing a 12 per cent fall in the employment of men over 65 just in the 12 months to last winter, the study says: "The impact on older workers, far from making it easier to enter the labour market, has been adverse."

Formally, the Government is sanguine. Looking at medium-term economic prospects, the Treasury said last year: "We might hope to see a gradual recovery in participation rates of older men, and hence an increase in potential

output, as each successive generation of 'older men' is less affected by the labour market changes of the last 20 years than its predecessors."

In an analysis of the labour market for third age in today's report, Chris Trinder, chief economist of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, and Richard Worsley, director of the Carnegie third age programme, are sceptical, suggesting "there appears to be more hope than conviction" in the Treasury's view.

Ian Holmes would agree. Two years ago, Mr Holmes found himself in his 50s, out of work, and apparently unable to find an employer who would hire him. Angered, he was instrumental in setting up in his home town of Bournemouth what he called a mature workers register, which sought to match available skills and experience with local business needs.

So far 500 people - most of them men, with an average age of 53 and an average unemployment behind them of 13 months, have joined the register, which is now funded by the Government's Employment Service and by Dorset Training and Enterprise Council. A total of 115 have found new jobs through the register, most of them with small firms, and most in wholly different lines of business, with a complete change of career direction. Mr Holmes says: "The register has shown that a real impact can be made on the problem of older people excluded from the job market. He would like to see it emulated in other parts of Britain."

Such "grey power" has a long way to go in Britain before it can emulate the lobbying force it commands in America, for example, where the third age vote is considered a highly significant electoral slice, and where many job CVs now explicitly exclude detailing an applicant's date of birth (although employers have become expert at decoding such political correctness by working it out from the dates of jobs held or qualifications gained).

But the strength of the age lobby is not being underestimated by business in Britain. Companies like B&Q have improved efficiency at some of their stores, such as the DIY chain's Macclesfield branch, by employing only older workers - and gained considerable positive publicity from doing so. Firms such as Marks & Spencer know from customer feedback that shoppers vastly prefer more experienced employees in some areas of the store - selling women's underwear, for instance.

John Monks, TUC General Secretary, one of the speakers at today's Carnegie report launch, says: "Older workers have skills, reliability and experience - qualities that employers should use, not lose." There is now probably a bigger head of steam in business on the issue of older workers than there has ever been in Britain. Key business leaders are convinced that British industry and services will have to shift away from its "oldest out" strategy of recent years - although older workers, feeling the pinch of job insecurity at least as much and maybe more than most are likely to remain sceptical until a good few more employers follow the B&Q route.

"Hope I die before I get old." The Who sang in 1965. As the Hyde Park concert showed, such hopes are long gone for them - and older workers will be looking for British business to reject such juvenilia too by fully embracing the coming of the third age.



ANATOLE KALETSKY

Simple sums in a leap year

An economist has been defined as someone who sees something working perfectly well in practice and immediately asks: "Ah, but would it work in theory too?" The propensity of economists to pore over abstruse equations and computer printouts instead of applying their common sense to the behaviour of their fellow humans, has rightly discredited their profession in the eyes of the public. Yet as the intellectual quality of economics has diminished, economists have been rewarded with wealth and power on a scale to which Adam Smith, Ricardo, or even Keynes, could never aspire.

Not only are hundreds of financial economists earning telephone-number salaries these days in the City and Wall Street. More importantly, the statistical gibberish disgorged by monetary models and inflation forecasts is now treated as holy writ, at least when these pronouncements issue forth from the economic oracles in central banks.

How can the world defend itself from the self-importance of economists, especially those that work for financial institutions and central banks? One way is to note the absence of simple common sense in the financial markets. Consider just three recent examples.

Last month, British economists were amazed by the weakness of the May retail sales figures, even though it was obvious to anyone who had spent that month shivering in rain-swept Britain that nobody was buying summer clothes. In two weeks' time, the analysts will doubtless be equally amazed by the rebound in retail sales.

In 1994, central banks around the world were tightening monetary policy to snuff out commodity inflation. If the central bankers had talked to anyone in the London Metal Exchange instead of poring over their monetary contrails, they might have discovered that commodity inflation had more to do with a Japanese copper cartel than with the global money supply.

The best example of the markets' inability to deal with simple facts emerged just a few days ago. Last

month the Japanese Economic Planning Agency shocked the world by announcing that Japan's supposedly moribund economy had grown by 3 per cent between the last quarter of 1995 and the first quarter of this year. This astounding growth rate, equivalent to 127 per cent at an annual rate, was the strongest recorded in Japan since 1973.

However, the EPA quietly added that the GDP figure, though "seasonally adjusted", was not adjusted for the fact that 1996 was a leap year. Financial analysts shrugged this off as an irrelevant quirk, and went back to fiddling with their models to "prove" that Japan was now in a boom. There seemed to be only one, the resolutely irreverent Brian Reading of Lombard Street Research, who bothered to calculate the simple arithmetical effect of adding one extra leap day to the first quarter of 1996.

The result, published in a letter in last Friday's *Financial Times*, immediately solved the mystery of Japan's unexpected boom. Adding one extra day to the 60 normal working days in a quarter would increase GDP by 1.7 per cent. Even allowing for the fact that some service industries work 90 days in a normal quarter, rather than 60, roughly half of Japan's 3 per cent growth miracle was due simply to the leap year.

The day after Mr Reading spelt this out in his letter, the FT International Edition published a mocking rejoinder from the chief economist at Jardine Fleming in Tokyo. This was in some ways more interesting than Mr Reading's little discovery itself.

"Mr Reading's suggestion that more than half of the first quarter growth was due to the leap day was a bit much. Leap days are not introduced at short notice. If it was the leap day, why then did the leap day accountants not forecast the strong figures?"

I don't know who "leap day accountants" may be. But when it comes to economists I think I know the answer: an economist is someone who sees something that is obviously true in practice and says: "But is it true in theory too?"

Jon Ashworth examines the impact of changes at C&J Clark

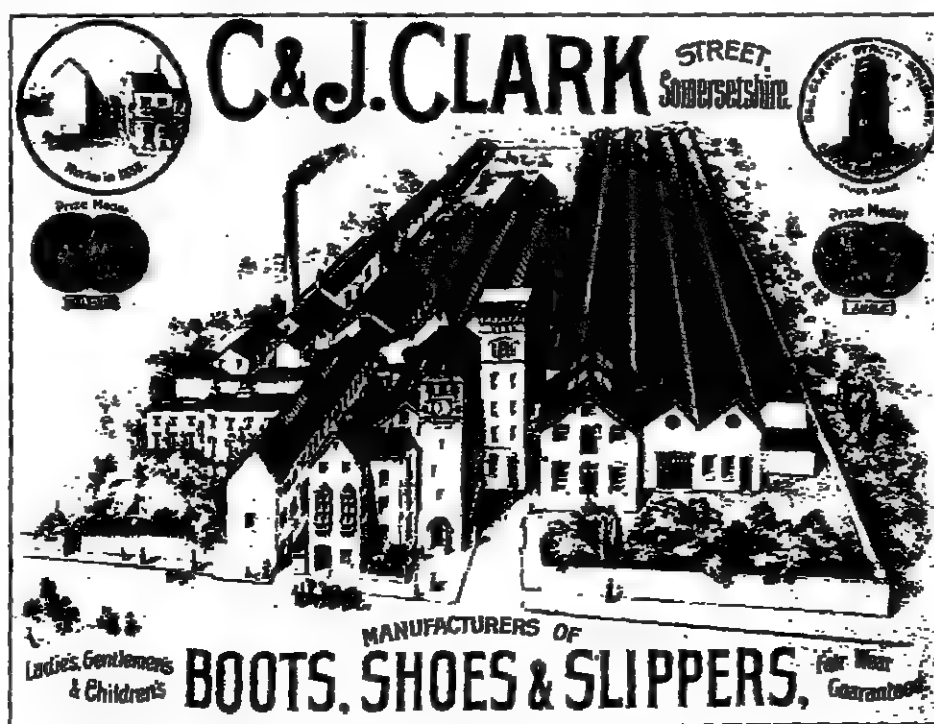
Street of despair feels force of cuts

Drive down the "golden mile" in Street, Somerset, and it is impossible to escape the presence of C&J Clark, maker of Clark's shoes. The familiar Clark's emblem lines the shop windows. Shoppers make day-trips from South Wales, the Midlands, and even Tunbridge Wells. Clark's Village, an American-style factory shop, attracts nearly three million visitors a year.

But something is wrong in Street. Behind the shopfronts, the air is filled with deep foreboding. For each of the residents is connected in some way with Clark's, one of the last privately owned family dynasties in Britain, and the loss of even one job strikes deep at the heart.

Locals saw their worst fears confirmed yesterday when Clark's announced the loss of 1,400 jobs. Street will bear 330 of the cuts, all of them in the back office. Nearby Shepton Mallet is even worse off, with 400 redundancies, while 320 jobs go in Plymouth. The cuts extend to Cumbria, where the K brand factory in Askam-in-Furness is to close, with the loss of 245 jobs.

Michael Cooper, chairman of the Street chamber of trade, said the cuts were felt as deeply as in 1992, when Clark's closed its last factory in Street, ending a shoe-making tradition that stretched back nearly 170 years. The latest redundancies leave 800 people in the back office, and 400 in warehousing.



The Clark business has been the mainstay of industry in Street since for 170 years

in the same road." Mr Cooper said the impact of the cuts had been spread more widely than the days when workers cycled 800 yards from their homes to the Clark's headquarters. Today, they are as likely to commute from nearby Taunton, Bridgwater and Shepton Mallet. Nevertheless, Clark's continues to dominate Street, which has a population of 10,000, and fears about the future remain. "There isn't much in the way of other employment," said Mr Cooper. "The older people are more stoic about it. It is the younger ones with mortgages and kids who are the worry."

Clark's remains one of Britain's largest privately owned companies, generating sales of more than £720 million a year. It employs more than 13,000 people in the UK, with seven main factories, and more than 600 shops, trading under the Clark's, K, and Ravel names. Most of the 1,000-strong Clark family can trace their lineage back to James Clark, who founded the company with his brother, Cyrus, in 1825. Gather the Clarks together, and one is struck by a distinct family resemblance.

Anger over growing losses at Clark's spilled over into a family feud in 1992, when rebel shareholders demanded the resignation of Walter

Dickson, the non-family chairman. Mr Dickson survived a stormy vote on the affair, but resigned a year later, after failing to win approval to sell the company to Berisford International.

Rebel family members, including Hugh Pym, the ITN reporter, argued that it would be better to wait for fortunes to improve, then seek a stock market flotation. The move had been tried once before - in 1989 - but was narrowly defeated by shareholders. Mr Dickson was replaced by Roger Pedder, a Clark's family member. John Clothier resigned as chief executive in 1994, clearing the way for Tim Parker, who became chief executive in January. Mr Pedder remains non-executive chairman.

Mr Parker, formerly with Kenwood Appliances, hopes that Clark's can now build on its undeniably strong brands. The redundancies will cost upwards of £10 million, and leave Clark's nursing a sorry set of financial results this year. The results will look even worse because last year's pre-tax profits, up 27 per cent at £24.8 million, were inflated by property disposals and pension holidays.

Mr Parker said: "We've got to get the costs and the exceptional out of the way. By biting the bullet, hopefully we'll have no more announcements like this." A stock market flotation is still the aim, although precisely when will depend on financial performance and market conditions. Mr Parker wants at least one clear year of results before proceeding. As before, the move would require shareholder approval.

The residents of Street, meanwhile, can take heart from the success of Clark's Village, which has created about 580 jobs, about 200 of them full-time, since it opened three years ago. Shoe shops mingle with High Street names such as Alexon, Royal Worcester and Thomtoms. Permission has been granted for another 27,000 sq ft of new units.

Retail success has been welcome, but what locals really desire is an industrial park. The land is there, they say, and could provide a solution for the entire area, including hard-hit Shepton Mallet.

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POP

The indestructible Tina Turner turns it on in Edinburgh at the start of her British tour



JAZZ 1

In Glasgow the "spirit of Django Reinhardt" is stretched but intact

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JAZZ 2

Majesty and visceral energy: Oscar Peterson defies ill-health and passing years at the Barbican



BLUES

... while another of the great veterans, B.B. King, holds the Albert Hall crowd entranced

POP AND JAZZ: Veterans triumphant in Edinburgh and London; new talent on show at Glasgow's Jazz Festival

River deep, career endless

Tina Turner
Murrayfield
Stadium, Edinburgh

The phrase "stadium rock" is a piece of contemporary music terminology which may be sent as a bouquet but is invariably received as a brickbat. But rare indeed is the ability to hunt, capture and tame an audience of tens of thousands in a venue in which binoculars should be standard issue. And it is all the more remarkable for a woman to do this in her mid-fifties.

But there are the laws of nature, and then there is Tina Turner. She is now 36 years into a switchback career in which record buyers acclaimed her and her former husband in the 1960s, forgot her in the 1970s, then not only remembered her in the 1980s but grew to view her as performance rock's first lady. This decade Turner has offered little fresh information, choosing to feed the fire not with new product or performance, but by prodding the warm coals of her previous work. With huge success, too, on the 1991 compilation *Simply The Best*, and *What's Love Got To Do With It*, the 1993 soundtrack to the story of her chequered life both with, and in spite of, Ike Turner.

This spring brought forth *Wildest Dreams*, Tina's first new studio record in seven years. With its wise choice of songs the erstwhile Acid Queen effortlessly resumed her reign, securing gold-plated promotional opportunities such as a James Bond movie theme and, just last weekend, getting to draw Britain's precious lottery numbers. This country offers few higher offices.

In addition comes the small matter of seven months' worth of European shows, of which this Scottish stadium date was the first of her British engagements. The set was built to similarly grand dimensions, filled with stairways, contorted light constructions and the requisite video screen, on which Turner made her first appearance. But *Whatever You Want*, one of the hits from the new record, was perhaps not the best fanfare as she strained to achieve some of the melodic extremes of this difficult song.

Turner was soon into her stride with a defiant *Deep Mountain High*, while the screen offered images of the twenty-something lass who first delivered this fireproof



There are laws of nature, and then there is Tina Turner: the first lady of rock was in vintage form as she opened her British tour in Edinburgh

song. Her forthcoming single, a cover of John Waite's hit ballad *Missing You*, was warmly greeted and a glimpse into the way that she is sensibly and gently easing off the gas in the studio to welcome a more stately recording style.

Goldeneye, her Bond theme, was a visual landmark. The singer was elevated in front of a "ring of fire" blazing on screen behind her, with snippets of the movie adding impact as they did on her *Mad Max* entry and *We Don't Need Another Hero*. An "unplugged" interlude included a strong *Steamy Windows*, then *Better Be Good To Me* turned into a funk workout, outdoing its recorded version. And for the final encore, *On Silent Wings*, almost every pair of hands in the place was swaying. Indeed, her fans don't need another heroine.

PAUL SEXTON

Musician's musicians swing it

Glasgow International
Jazz Festival

WITH no composer-in-residence to ensure that something tangible and lasting results from Glasgow's tenth International Jazz Festival, the current event is more than usually dependent on the enthusiasm and commitment of its thousand visiting musicians for its success.

The opening night's bill-toppers, Harlow-born guitarist Martin Taylor's "Spirit of Django" sextet, delivered both commodities in spades. Although ostensibly a "tribute" group inspired by Django Reinhardt, the band conforms to the stereotype neither in its line-up, featuring a saxophone and accordion instead of restricting itself to the string instruments favoured by the Hot Club, nor in its material. True, the band did begin with a Django-style Taylor original, *Chez Fernand*, infused with all the jaunty swing customarily associated with the legendary gypsy guitarist, but the underlying rhythm, a liltingly soft, almost subliminal shuffle by Taylor's son, James, on brushes, owed more to Brazil than Belgium. The soprano saxophone of Dave O'Higgins, snaking over the rhythm guitar of John Goldie and Terry Gregory's acoustic bass guitar, provided welcome textural variety, and his subsequent breezier contributions on alto and tenor lifted both band and audience. It was Taylor, however — consistently graceful, the clarity of his articulation near miraculous — who started, though the mature yet impish virtuosity of accordionist Jack Embrow, the quintessential musician's musician, came close to stealing the show.

The same evening, McEwan's Old Fruitmarket, saw another musician's musician, tenor saxophonist Michael Brecker, turn in a genuinely show-stealing performance the following evening. Since Brecker's blistering eloquence and technical command receive near universal respect, his sound

shaping a generation of saxophonists the way Coltrane's did in the 1960s, it is perhaps appropriate that he should be touring with the late tenor player's celebrated pianist, McCoy Tyner.

Both Brecker and Tyner are passionately open players, ebulliently florid at up-tempo, romantically lyrical on ballads. Backed by Tyner's long-time rhythm section of bassist Avery Sharpe and drummer Aaron Scott they roused a capacity audience from the moment they hurtled themselves into a typically grandiose Tyner theme, *Changes*. The emotional commitment demonstrated by Brecker, ranging from an affecting bruised dignity to a full, heart-on-sleeve verbosity, would have astonished those who persist in dismissing him as a formula fusion player.

With the festival continuing until Sunday, and George Benson and the Mingus Big Band among others to come, a little pacing is clearly necessary.

CHRIS PARKER

Divine ruler measures up

Oscar Peterson
Barbican

THE world has long been divided into those who regard Oscar Peterson as the divine ruler of the keyboard, and agnostics who remain unmoved by what appears to be a surfeit of virtuosity, spun by the yard. Those of us in the latter camp had much to ponder after his quartet's display: that odd crunching noise, coming from the Barbican cloakroom was the sound of several hats being eaten.

What made the occasion all the more intriguing was the knowledge that Peterson had overcome the effects of a serious stroke. He has described how, in the immediate aftermath of the seizure in 1993, he was not even able to play a piece as simple as his *Love Ballade*.

For a player who has relied so heavily on velocity and unrelenting athleticism, the blow must have been doubly hard to endure. To see him now, 70 years old but still a bear of a man, make his way across the stage, his left arm held awkwardly and his left leg dragging, was a profoundly emotional moment.

The standing ovation at the end owed nothing to any patronising sympathy vote.

The reduced mobility in his left hand was certainly noticeable, but the prodigious work-rate of the right restored a sense of equilibrium. One result is that Peterson's solos have taken on a more emphatic, measured tone.

A more significant change lies in the balance of the group. In the past his partners have risked being swept aside by his express-train momentum. This time, with Niels-Henning Ørsted Pedersen on bass and the impeccable Martin Drew at the drums, there was greater space for extended dialogues between leader and rhythm section.

The player who shone brightest of all was Peterson's fellow-Canadian Lorne Lofsky on guitar. As well as shadowing the pianist's left hand and fleshing out the harmonic base, Lofsky pushed and prodded with intense liquid lines that were a startling contrast to Peterson's former partner, the self-effacing Herb Ellis.

CLIVE DAVIS

Blues and greys

B.B. King
Albert Hall

"THE last time I played here, some of you weren't born," said B.B. King as he looked around a packed Albert Hall. "In fact, some of your parents weren't born..." Well, it may not have been quite that long, but it was evident that a blues-playing king felt glad to be back at what he proudly called *The Royal Albert Hall*.

And it was clear, too, that the music hadn't really changed either. The trappings may be showbiz — silver lame jacket, eight-piece band that included two drummers — but that was all peripheral to the grey-haired 70-year-old who played and sang the blues with a commitment and passion that nearly 50 years on the road had not diminished.

There may have been nothing new, but that didn't really matter. From the opening blast of Louis Jordan's *Let The Good Times Roll*, through the emotional power of Eddie Boyd's *Five Long Years* to the brass-powered version of Little Milton's *We're Going to Make It* the songs were old favourites graced with the inventive and still-fluid guitar lines and rich vocals that first placed King on the throne.

There was a feeling that this

was an evening of old friends playing together — a mood reinforced when the brass section departed and Walter King, band member and nephew, brought on a chair for his uncle who, after a bad fall in the Eighties, is unable to stand for a long time. Nevertheless, King reminisced happily before sliding into a medley of *Why I Sing The Blues*, *How Blue Can You Get?* and *Rock Me Baby*, ending with the Jesse Belvin ballad *Guess Who*.

Then it was time for "one more tune". As the brass section returned King stood up and then launched into the *Thrill Is Gone*, a song which deserves its status as one of the blues' most powerful. It was the one which propelled King from the Black Theatre circuit into the American Top 20 and a role as a roving ambassador of the blues.

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■ BLUES

... while another of the great veterans, B.B. King, holds the Albert Hall crowd entranced

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■ VISUAL ART 1

Controversy and pleasure as the Bowes Museum in Co Durham opens its doors ...

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... to a high-spirited show by 35 living artists from Britain and Germany

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Curios and curiouiser

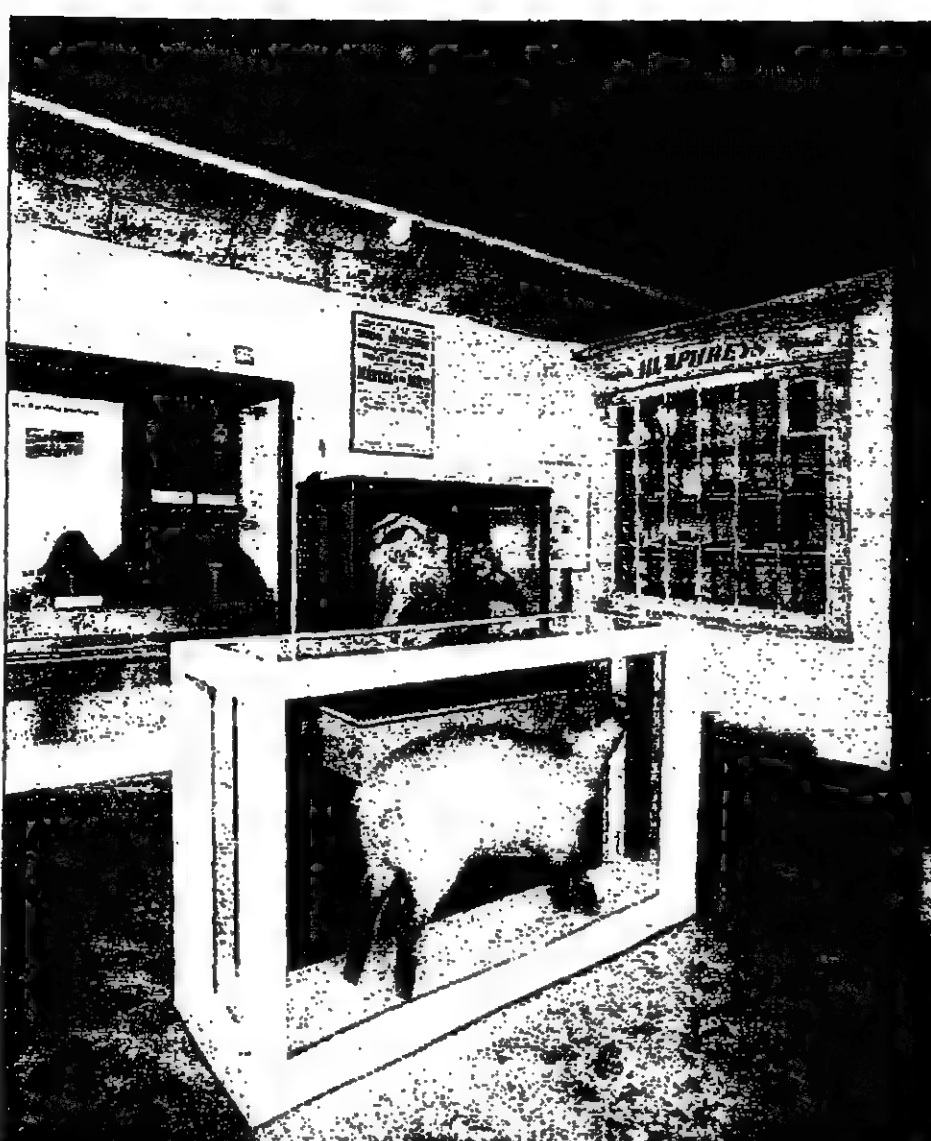
Opened in 1892, the Bowes Museum was an astonishingly bold and generous venture. Neither John Bowes nor his French wife Josephine lived to see its completion. But their generosity ensured that the colossal edifice, designed in the style of a grand French chateau, presides over Barnard Castle with resplendent authority. The collections inside embrace both decorative and fine arts, mingling the Victorian desire to educate with a quirky and voracious appetite for the bizarre.

During the past century the extraordinary profusion of objects has attracted intense loyalty among visitors from Co Durham and beyond. So the Henry Moore Institute in Leeds showed considerable nerve when it set about organising a contemporary art exhibition in these hallowed premises. Local suspicions were bound to be aroused, and some Bowes devotees are voicing complaints about the 35 artists from Britain and Germany who have invaded the palatial setting. Selected by Penelope Curtis and Veit Gerner, *Private View* is an unbuttoned affair. While responding to the character of the permanent collection, it does not hesitate to provoke, seduce, tantalise and subvert as well.

Part of the pleasure generated by this high-spirited escapade stems from its ability to ambush the viewer. We move through the lofty, crowded rooms with a heightened sense of wariness, as if on an ingenious treasure hunt. The temporary exhibits might be lurking anywhere, and can sometimes be confused with cleaning equipment or the abundant floral displays arranged by museum staff. Attempting to sort out the new from the old makes us look at the Bowes acquisitions with fresh eyes. The strange 18th-century mechanical swan, which jerks into gleaming motion and eagerly devours fish, could easily be seen as a surrealist sculpture. But its isolated place of honour in the entrance hall has been challenged, now, by the arrival of Eric Bainbridge's outsize *Package*. Swathed in white fur fabric, it looks like a frozen dwelling unaccountably stranded in the museum's marbled vastness.

Some exhibits relate far more closely to their surroundings. Damien Hirst's celebrated *Away from the Flock*, suspended in a tank of formaldehyde but still looking oddly jaunty, is placed next to a glass case containing a freak Siamese sheep. The exclamatory poster above shows how it was once exploited as a fairground attraction, a "marvel of the ages" which doubtless earned its owner a healthy income in admission charges. Its grotesquely distorted and multiplied limbs make Hirst's lamb look serene. Often accused of shameless showmanship, he understands the value of restraint and deploys it with absolute precision.

Thomas Grünfeld's exhibits use taxidermy in a frankly macabre way. His *Misfit* turns out to be a rabbit sprouting wings and a tail, the apparent victim of some gruesome genetic experiment. We smile and shudder at the same time, acknowledging that German artists are more willing than their British counterparts to indulge in shock tactics. Upstairs, for instance, the spookiness inherent in the Bowes building is dramatised



Damien Hirst's *Away from the Flock* (third version), 1994, at the Bowes Museum



Gillian Wearing's *Confess all on video. Don't worry you will be in disguise. Intrigued? Call Gillian...*, 1994

by Katharina Fritsch. Her *Ghost*, a shrouded white figure lit by a tall window behind, is accompanied by a plexiglass pool of blood be-smirching the tessellated floor. The classical statue on a neighbouring plinth seems unaffected by the phantom, but the glacial stillness of Fritsch's apparition is undeniably menacing.

Freestanding exhibits are rare in this stealthy show. Much of the Bowes Museum is filled with elaborate display cabinets, and *Private View* seizes every opportunity to undermine their cluttered 19th-century solidity. Richard Wentworth's *Rims, Lips, Feet* ends up looking both vulnerable and threatening. Covering a large sheet of glass placed askew on a tall cabinet, his plates look as if they might be dislodged by the slightest

touch. The resulting crash would shatter the room's silence, and it comes as a relief to find Cecil Johnson's *Twenty-eight Pitchers* safely arranged on stable shelves inside a locked cabinet.

Here, the pale and purged clay forms have ousted the permanent collection entirely. Elsewhere, though, the Bowes possessions are allowed to intermingle with the intruders. Mariele Neudecker's work is unpredictably installed, emerging in a showcase otherwise stuffed with an assortment of ornamental cutlery, cruets and vases. Her miniature *Landscape*, where three tiny explorers gaze down into the blackness of a crater, is juxtaposed with a bejewelled devotional image of the virgin and child. The conjunction seems haphazard at first, but ends up intensifying the sense

of strangeness which makes a visit to the Bowes Museum so enjoyable.

Both Curtis and Gerner look sober enough in their light-box photographic portraits, taken by Catherine Yass with her customary rigour and hallucinatory brilliance. But why humour abounds in the way they have displayed their chosen exhibits. Martin Honert's *Foto*, a lifesize sculpture of a forlorn boy sitting at a spartan table, is placed on a sumptuous oriental rug. Near by, the trick is reversed. Lavishly embroidered chairs and a gilded table find themselves resting on a patchwork carpet made by Jacqui Poncellet at her most exuberant.

The mood of mischief-making reaches its climax in the room devoted to Dutch paintings, where a cluster of stolid portraits are juxtaposed with Gillian Wearing's *Confess all on video*. Disguised by ludicrous masks and wigs, Wearing's volunteers mutter about their painful fantasies while the burghers of Holland stare down in apparent disbelief.

All in all, *Private View* makes an effervescent contribution to Visual Arts UK, the ambitious programme of exhibitions enlivening northern England throughout the year. Irreverent and yet continually mindful of its historical context, this delightful show stops short of disrupting the room hung with some of the finest old masters. Here, where Goya's madhouse scene and El Greco's impassioned *St Peter* prove unforgotten powerful, no contemporary artists can be found. Refreshed by the contrasts elsewhere, we can look at even the most familiar images in the permanent collection as though for the first time.

© Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, Co Durham (01833 690609) until July 28

AROUND THE GALLERIES

SCAFFOLDING almost covers the front door. The bare staircase leads into a large first-floor room frozen in the process of restoration. Drawings by some 17 different artists are on show here, in part of a private house. The invited contributors — who include Keith Coventry, Michael Landy, Cornelia Parker — may be a touch over-familiar, but the scale and non-arrangement of the work creates a sense of domestic delicacy rather than gallery bombast.

Kate Bernard, 20 Princelet Street, London E1 (0171-247 7347) until July 14

Simply framed, small, square, colour photographs by the photojournalist Melanie Friend hang evenly spaced around the walls at Camerawork. They are of sitting rooms, backyards, a

bedroom, an orchard, a gateway and an empty schoolroom in and around the homes of some of the two million Albanians who live in the Serbian province of Kosovo. Interviews with the people whose houses are photographed — taped accounts of harassment, even torture — play continuously. The straightforward juxtaposition of imagery with information is powerful, and perhaps more effective than more visually horrific documentation.

Camerawork, 121 Roman Road, London E2, (0181-980 6256) until July 27

The Canadian artist Martha Fleming has arranged an unassuming temporary addition at the far end of the

perfectly proportioned custom-built gallery at Dulwich. It is not instantly obvious that anything has been changed, or that the gallery has done anything "unconventional". Fleming has placed two objects in a glass cabinet: the camera obscura which once belonged to Joshua Reynolds has been borrowed from the Science Museum and displayed beneath the now faded painting of a *Girl with a Baby*, also by Reynolds. By quietly realigning these elements in this historic setting, Fleming begs questions about visual reference and retrospective understanding.

Dulwich Picture Gallery, College Road, London SE21, (0181-693 5254) to August 18

SACHA CRADDOCK

Igor Mitoraj, a Pole who now lives and works in Italy, is one of the most successful sculptors in the world, *John Russell Taylor* writes. In Bath until Sunday he has five large outdoor pieces, three in Queen Square, one in Beauford Square and one right in front of the Abbey. Together, they give a vivid sense of Mitoraj's private world, and his skill in making it public.

At first glance his Neoclassicism is as smooth and direct as Canova's. But immediately one is aware of something that does not quite fit. Why does that centaur have tiny extraneous figures sprouting out of its chest, that winged female figure a slightly grotesque face where one might expect pubic hair? These are questions we all have to resolve for ourselves. Mitoraj refuses to be drawn.



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Fight to save Becket casket

Why the V & A should pay the price to keep this medieval relic in Britain

The brouhaha surrounding the Thomas à Becket casket reaches a climax this week, with last-ditch attempts to save it for the nation. To judge by some outcries, the export of the medieval reliquary would be as horrifying and unforgivable as the murder of Becket himself.

On the casket's richly ornamented side, a prancing knight is shown decapitating the saint with a sword. If a wealthy foreign collector makes the successful bid at Sotheby's auction on Thursday, he will be cast in the same role — a villain guilty of hacking away at Britain's heritage with dastardly relish. Unlike the headless Becket,

we would be able to survive such a loss. However keenly the Victoria & Albert Museum's director Alan Borg wants to acquire the casket, he could console himself by remembering the other superb medieval treasures already under his care.

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zenith. They may also be English products, whereas the Becket reliquary was indisputably the work of a celebrated enamel factory in Limoges.

Even so, this astonishingly well-preserved casket has a strong claim on our national purse-strings. The gilt copper figures projecting so forcefully from their blue enamel background are handled with marvellous vitality. Their sprightliness, combined with the sumptuous embellishment of the reliquary as a whole, make it irresistible.

Any great museum would

be delighted to acquire such an attractive artefact, and its dedication to Becket's martyrdom does give us a compelling reason to keep the casket in Britain.

Another reason carries even greater weight. The savage vandalism inflicted on our own medieval religious buildings in the Reformation period has left us with pitifully little Romanesque and Gothic art to cherish.

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Gary Slapper on why judges and politicians are at odds over who makes the law and, right, a defence of the judiciary

Should the judges or MPs make the laws?

In the wake of the recent ruling by the Court of Appeal that the Government's withdrawal of welfare benefits from most asylum-seekers was unlawful, Peter Lilley, Social Services Secretary, announced that the judgment would effectively be nullified by new clauses to be rushed into its Asylum and Immigration Bill now before Parliament.

In the Commons, Tony Marlow, MP, voiced the views of several Tories when he said: "Do the judiciary now have a democratic mandate to decide which laws are acceptable, or does this House and Parliament, on the balance of views in the country, continue to decide what the laws should be, while the judiciary apply them without being informed by their personal prejudices?"

This constitutional clash between the judiciary and Parliament is similar to the recent conflict between senior judges and the Home Secretary over the desirability of Parliament acting to curb the sentencing discretion of trial judges.

Both disputes centre on the constitutional role of the judges. Even in fairly recent history, it was still widely accepted that judges did not make law but simply interpreted it: they construed difficult phrases in legislation, and they applied old common law principles to novel situations — but they never substantially changed the law.

Today that view appears naive and most commentators think that judges do play a creative part in fleshing out and shaping the law. The key questions now are when should judges become inventive and how far should they go?

Historically, when Parliament has become involved in any spat with the judiciary, it has been liberal and radical thinkers who have sided with Parliament while conservative thinkers have generally favoured the judiciary.

In today's confrontation, the opposite is true. Progressives are fighting the senior judiciary as guarantors of freedom while the Conservatives are championing parliamentary democracy in support of Mich-

ael Howard and Mr Lilley. But should the principle of parliamentary sovereignty (part of the constitution since the Bill of Rights in 1689) be abrogated as a result of such an ephemeral and trivial battle between what some see as "bad politicians" and "good judges"?

The constitutional difficulties that need to be addressed in public debate now arise because the judiciary is an unelected and largely unaccountable body whose members carry no public mandate.

In cases that go to the House of Lords, for example, there is no reliable way of predicting whether the law lords will keep the old law and say any change must come from Parliament, or whether they will act boldly to alter the law themselves.

On what basis should judges be endowed with the constitutional right to protect public interests in the face of opposition from the manifestly democratic repository of power we have in Parliament?

Consider the institutional capriciousness of law-making in the Lords. In 1992, the House of Lords saw fit to abolish the then 250-year-old rule against a charge of marital rape. Lord Keith noted that "the common law is... capable of evolving in the light of changing social, economic and cultural developments". It followed, he said, that the old rule that forbade a charge of marital rape reflected the state of affairs at the time it was enacted in 1736, and should be abolished as "the status of women, and particularly of



Peter Lilley: appeal to be overruled by a law change



An Ethiopian refugee at a protest in London against cuts in benefits for asylum seekers

married women, has changed out of all recognition in various ways."

But conversely last year the House of Lords shied away from changing the *doli incapax* rule concerning the criminal liability of children. The case involved a 12-year-old boy from Liverpool caught interfering with a motorbike using a crowbar. He was convicted of attempted theft.

His defence argued that "mischievous discretion" had not been proven, but, on appeal to the Divisional Court, it was ruled that the antiquated rule (under which defendants aged 10 to 14 must be shown to know that their actions were seriously wrong before they can be convicted of a crime) was no longer part of English law. The Lords could have agreed and changed the law but did not do so.

Instead, Lord Lloyd stated that judicial law-making should be avoided where disputed matters of social policy are concerned. He said: "The distinction between the treatment and punishment of child offenders has popular and political overtones, a fact which shows that we have been discussing not so much a legal as a social problem, with a dash of politics thrown in, and emphasises that it should be within the exclusive remit of Parliament."

Yet in 1992, in another case, the law lords were in a law-making mood and decided to sweep away a 223-year-old constitutional rule that had prevented *Hansard* being consulted by law courts in aid of statutory interpretation. The specially convened enlarged Appellate Committee of seven could have ruled that changing the law was not something they were able to do, particularly as the case involved a controversial constitutional principle (Article 9 of the Bill of Rights — which prohibits the questioning in any court of freedom of speech and debates in Parliament).

But the committee decided that it would change the law, because "the time had come". Lord Griffiths, for example, said that "...I have long thought that the time has come to change the self-imposed judicial rule that forbade any reference to the legislative history of an enactment as an aid to its interpretation."

Again, conversely, in the case of the soldier Private Clegg last year, the Lords declined to make any changes to the law of self-defence, seeing that as something suitable only for Parliament. Lord Lloyd of Berwick approved the words of Lord Simon in an

earlier case: "I can hardly conceive of circumstances less suitable than the instant for five members of an Appellate Committee of your lordships' House to arrogate to ourselves so momentous a law-making initiative."

There is a reasonable body of evidence to illustrate the mercurial nature of the Lords as a law-making agency. One should be cautious, therefore, about relying on the Lords as a legislative vehicle. In the Commons, by contrast, capriciousness of law-making is forgivable, even desirable, because it is a democratic agency and its activity should reflect the will of a democratic electorate.

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Don't let them be misunderstood

Last month, in a wide-ranging speech, Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Shadow Lord Chancellor, invited the House of Lords to debate the role of the judiciary in modern society. Lord Irvine criticised comments made in a lecture by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill, that if Parliament did not legislate to introduce a right to privacy, then judges might develop the law in that direction. Lord Irvine contended that unless there were to be "a clear community consensus" in favour of a right to privacy (and he was sure there is none), for judges to act would "imperil their major asset: their reputation for impartiality". Judges, he believed, should "think hard before they don the mantle of moral leadership through their judgments". Judicial statements about creating a law to protect privacy "sound to ordinary people uncomfortably like a judicial threat to legislate".

In 1932, Harold Laski wrote to tell Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes of the US Supreme Court that he had informed a High Court judge, Mr Justice Macnaghten, about Holmes's theory that, in hard cases, judges must "exercise the sovereign prerogative of choice", and so make law. Macnaghten had replied, indignantly, that "he simply applied the law, looking neither to the right nor to the left, and 'no damned nonsense' was going to change his judicial conduct."

Today most judges are more sophisticated in their understanding of jurisprudence. They know they are often asked to decide novel questions of law to which statutes and precedents supply no clear answer, or for which existing authorities offer conflicting guidance. Few judges continue to subscribe to the reassuring theory that the legal answer is always there, if only the judge is skilled enough to know where to look. As Lord Reid admitted in 1972, grown-up lawyers no longer believe in the "fairy-tale" that "in some Aladdin's cave" is hidden the key to correct judicial interpretation.

For the past 30 years, Professor Ronald Dworkin has been developing a theory of adjudication which seeks to provide a coherent explanation of the judicial function in hard cases. Professor Dworkin argues that it is the judge's task to adopt a principled solution that best fits with the structure and content of the law, as expressed in existing statutes, precedents and constitutional texts. What he thus describes as "the moral reading" of the law may result in liberal decisions, or in conservative decisions, depending on the philosophy of the judge. But each judge is obliged to comply

with an overriding principle of integrity, which confines and structures judicial discretion.

In *Freedom's Law: The Moral Reading of the American Constitution* (Harvard University Press, \$35), Professor Dworkin explains and applies his theory in an elegant series of essays, most of which were first published in *The New York Review of Books*, on difficult topics of constitutional principle. He analyses, with force and clarity, the rights of citizens in relation to abortion, euthanasia, affirmative action, libel and pornography.

He complains, with justification, that judges — and politicians — continue to pretend, at least in public, that, even in hard cases, the judicial function is mechanical rather than creative. He argues that only when we openly recognise that judges necessarily make contemporary judgments of political morality, albeit constrained by integrity to respect existing legal principles, can adjudication in hard cases be reconciled with democratic accountability. If the public understands what is being done on its behalf, then it has the opportunity to influence the development of the law by comment and criticism.

Although we lack a written constitution with an enforceable Bill of Rights, Professor Dworkin's analysis of adjudication in hard cases has much force on this side of the Atlantic Ocean. When judges are asked to decide a novel question about the right of the individual plaintiff to personal privacy, they are entitled to draw on principles to be found in the law of trespass, breach of confidence, and the European Convention on Human Rights. Such reasoning by analogy, with principles being derived from existing case law, is as old as the common law itself. It is the method by which judges developed the modern law of negligence and most of our administrative law.

To criticise judges for making a "threat to legislate", or for showing "moral leadership" when deciding hard cases, is fundamentally to misunderstand the nature of the judicial function. Whatever judgment the court reaches on the plaintiff's claim to privacy involves a choice between conflicting principles by reference to existing legal material. Professor Dworkin's latest work is recommended to everyone interested in jurisprudence, especially if they are likely to exercise responsibility for the administration of the judiciary in the next Labour government.

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Helen Matthews: barefoot lark

Carey Street — and the rest on water, tea and coffee. He protested about the refreshments.

Mr Mears recalls: "Six journalists attended — between them they could hardly consume tea to the value of £9.99, coffee to the value of £7.99 and orange juice to the value of £3.23. Five small bottles of mineral water were used but 20 were charged for at £1.10 each. "And why," he adds, "are we paying more than £1 for a small bottle of mineral water when the supermarkets sell two-litre bottles for 60p?"

Rubbing salt in the wound is that Rodger Pannone, the former president, who recently held a press conference at the Law Society, was not charged. "The reason given," Mr Mears says, "was that he was 'engaged in council business' — ie, rubbing the president of the Law Society."

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● LORD Bingham of Cornhill, the new Lord Chief Justice, was officially introduced to the House of Lords last week. Not only is his promotion from Master of the Rolls to LCJ thought unprecedented, he was flanked, for the ceremony, by the present MR (Lord Woolf) and his own predecessor as MR (Lord Donaldson of Lynton) — another first.

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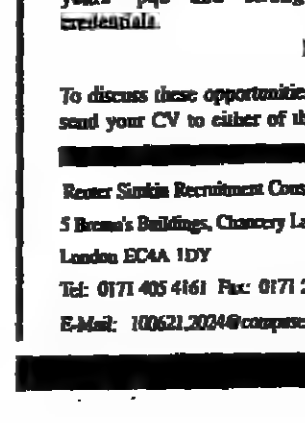
A BARRISTER is gathering his own evidence about the use of fingerprints in court. Graham Cook, of 36 Essex Street, is worried that the standards of admissibility for such evidence are slipping.

He says that the traditional approach to fingerprint evidence — that there should be 16 matching characteristics between two sets of prints before they can be conclusively matched — has been modified so that a minimum of eight matching characteristics will do in some cases. Mr Cook says in the Criminal Bar Association's newsletter: "I know of no case where the point on reduced standard of admissibility has been taken on appeal."

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Must justice be male?

Barbara Hewson is disappointed with the Home Affairs Committee report on judicial appointments procedures

In *Microcosmographia Academica*, the Cambridge academic F.M. Cornford expounds the Principle of Unripe Time: "People should not do at the present moment what they think right at that moment, because the moment at which they think it right has not yet arrived."

So it is with gender inequality. Senior judicial appointments are controlled by the senior judiciary. And our top judges do not want change. Sir Thomas Legg of the Lord Chancellor's Department told the Home Affairs Select Committee last summer that it was "just a matter of time" before there were "quite a lot of women judges".

When I came to the Bar in 1985, there were three women in the Family Division. Now there are three. If in 11 years the number of women in that division has not increased (and women are plentiful in family law), significant change is not on the cards. The reality is that there are hundreds of well-qualified women of sufficient seniority, more of whom could be appointed now.

The Home Affairs Committee's *Report into Judicial Appointments Procedures*, published on June 26, sides with the judiciary. It does not see a need for large-scale change to the judicial appointments system. It notes the extraordinary paucity of women in senior judicial positions (no women law lords, one out of 36 Lords Justices of Appeal; seven out of 96 High Court judges), and says that positive discrimination is not the way forward. But neither Canada nor the Republic of Ireland practises positive discrimination and both countries have significantly more women in their appellate and supreme courts than the UK.

group (the system of "secret soundings" whereby civil servants solicit views on candidates from judges and senior practitioners).

TMS said that "the system depends on patronage, being noticed and being known".

Sir Thomas does not like the term "soundings" because, he says, it suggests an "old boy network way of doing it". Let us call a spade a spade.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the recently retired Lord Chief Justice, told the committee that judges do not make contemporaneous notes about the performance of advocates appearing before them. According to Lord Taylor, a judge will perhaps say to his colleagues about a candidate: "I saw X the other day. He was absolutely super." Or, "I heard X the other day and I was very disappointed."

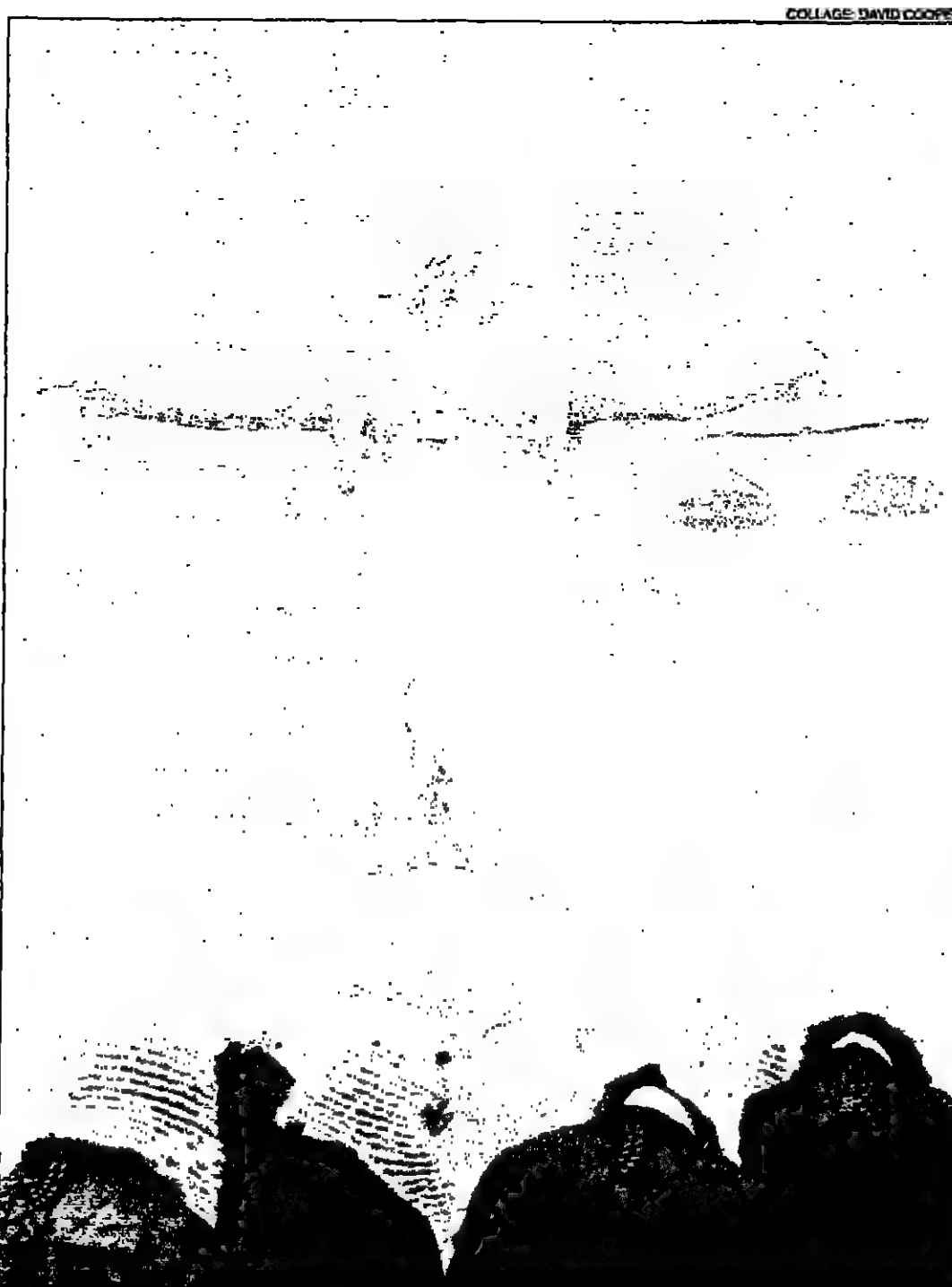
Yet the committee thinks the system of secret soundings should be continued and widened. It claims that this will help women because they do not belong to clubs. But how does the expansion of an old boy network help women?

The committee considers reforms to the judicial career structure to assist women and other disadvantaged groups. It rejects most of them. It fails to grapple with the problem of disparate impact that arises from forcing women into a rigid career structure, which does not recognise their family commitments.

It declines to consider the indirectly discriminatory impact on women of the requirement that High Court judges be QCs. (This is a serious omission because the proportion of women in the pool of QCs became stuck between 5.1 per cent and 5.8 per cent during 1991-95 and does not reflect the numbers of able senior women.)

The committee rejects the proposal that the posts of High Court judge and above should be subjected to open advertisement and competition. And it concludes that "there is now less cause for women to feel diffident in applying

The system of secret soundings should, the committee believes, be continued and widened



The image of justice is female—but the senior judiciary is still reluctant to appoint female judges

for judicial appointments." This is jejune. I could apply to become an Assistant Recorder, because I am over ten years' call and within the required age bracket. But I learn from the report that I am not really eligible because I must have 15 years of practice first. Am I supposed, in 2000, to

submit myself to scrutiny by a collection of mostly male consultants, described as "the professional community", most of whom I will probably never have worked with, or appeared before? In Sweden, a senior woman judge is suing the Government because, she claims, it appointed a

less qualified man to sit in the European Court of Justice. Brita Sundberg-Weitman, who is 62, wants her case to be referred to Luxembourg. As Cornford says, time has a trick of going rotten before it is ripe.

The writer gave evidence before the Select Committee.

Legal aid White Paper will blame clients

Making the poor pay more

The Lord Chancellor's long-awaited White Paper on legal aid will be published today. Will it pave the way for improving access to justice, or will it subordinate public choice, operational consistency and access to justice to new layers of expensive bureaucratic management to tackle a problem that no longer exists?

The omens are discouraging. A Government bent on improving access to justice would surely not continue to give the impression that spending is out of control. It is true that four or five years ago spending on legal aid was rising at an unpalatable rate. But the budget has been underspent by £70 million in each of the past three years. This year's budget is £150 million less than the original estimate. Legal aid accounts for less than 1 per cent of public expenditure, hardly spending out of control. Recent interviews and speeches suggest that the Government has found a new villain. In the Green Paper, it was all the fault of greedy lawyers. Now, it seems, the White Paper will

blame irresponsible clients. The Government bent on believing that turning legal aid into a loan, and making unsuccessful litigants pay their opponents' costs, will promote responsibility.

There is a problem, in very few cases, of legal aid being granted in weak cases and continuing when it should be stopped. But that is the fault of the Legal Aid Board, which is responsible for granting and withdrawing aid, and of the Lord Chancellor for failing to introduce the measures that the Law Society and others have suggested to improve the board's decision-making.

The Government also seems determined to stick to its plans for regional cash limits. These will involve detailed planning of how many cases should be funded in each category in each area. A huge increase in administrative expenditure would pro-


duce a scheme that could not possibly have the flexibility provided by the present scheme. Whatever the Government's protestations, it would be bound to turn the availability of legal aid into a lottery. Spending is already targeted: each case is considered against detailed criteria. Introducing cash limits is relevant only to imposing a cap. So what should the Government do? The first priority must be to restore financial eligibility, so that those deprived of justice by the 1993 cuts, which made all those above income support pay substantial contributions towards their costs, are brought within the scheme once more. Research commissioned by the Legal Aid Board shows that many of those eligible for aid are now unable to afford their contribution.

The Government will not improve eligibility without making offsetting savings. How can it find those savings? The Law Society published a package of proposals yesterday, including improving decision-making by the board, cutting the cost of fraud trials, reducing waste in the courts and introducing a conditional legal aid fund.

The Law Society's courts and legal services committee believes that the package would save about £130 million a year, enough to restore eligibility for at least eight million of the 12 million who lost out through the 1993 cuts. Our proposals would save expenditure and pave the way for better access to justice. A Government that cared about equal access to justice would join us in the search for constructive reforms rather than increasing bureaucracy and making the poor pay more.

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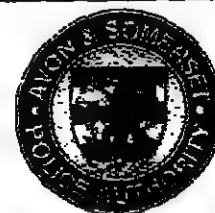
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RUGBY UNION

Financial worries top Welsh agenda

BY DAVID HANCOCK
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE leading Welsh clubs meet today, both in their own interests and as members of rugby union's European movement, hoping to establish a clearer view of their financial future and what money will accrue to them from next season's two-tier European tournament.

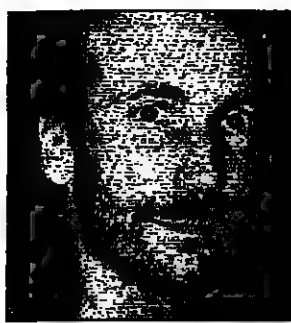
They are also preparing to thrash out significant issues with Vernon Pugh, the Welsh Rugby Union chairman, who has threatened to eject them from Europe if they do not comply with domestic qualifying conditions.

The clubs have been surprised by Pugh's outright rejection of the deal worth £40.5 million offered by BSkyB, the satellite television company that is 40-per-cent owned by News International, owners of *The Times*. "The only thing we know about the deal are the figures which have been quoted," Alan Meredith, spokesman for First Division Rugby Ltd, said.

The sum of £35 million a year would be around four times more than we now get and if this deal is to be rejected, is there a substitute deal somewhere along the line and how much will it produce for the clubs?

Trevor East, Sky's executive director (sport), hit back yesterday at allegations by Pugh that the company sought unwarranted control of rugby. "Our only condition is that certain sums of money should be ploughed into club rugby and the only thing we have asked for is the formation of an Anglo-Welsh tournament — that's why extra money has been allocated in the bid to the Welsh," East said.

SIMON BARNES



At Wimbledon

I have an extraordinarily long memory. I can remember when Steffi Graf was plain. She was once thought to be the plainest girl that ever swung a racket and, what's more, she was cordially hated by the Wimbledon crowds even as she pulled off the grand slam in 1988.

I also remember when Martina Navratilova was hated, for the same reason — for being unfeeling and invulnerable, a person of iron. In her later days as a singles player, she was loved for being precisely the opposite.

How long will it be, I wonder, before I am boasting that I remember when Martina Hingis won the sympathy of the Centre Court crowd by appearing so fragile, so defenceless? That I remember when Wimbledon felt sorry for her? That I remember the days before she became Hingis the iron-clad, the all-conquering queen, that I can even recall the distant days before she won her first grand slam?

I have a fancy that there is a thread that links these women: Steffi in the middle with a Martina on either side: women who represent past, present and future. Yesterday, Graf and Hingis took each other on at tennis. Graf winning 6-1, 6-4. Over the weekend, Graf, the central bead on the thread of time, was involved in a spat with Navratilova.

Graf has been playing this tournament with a white plas-

TENNIS: WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPION DISPATCHES HINGIS AND SILENCES DISAPPROVING NAVRATILOVA

Graf lays low opponents past and present



Graf prepares to test Hingis with a backhand during her imperious straight-sets defeat of the young Swiss at Wimbledon yesterday

ter on her knee, one apparently designed to set off the gold of her legs. Yet she has a problem beneath it, apparently, one that caused her to pull out of the Eastbourne tournament. Martina is unconvinced. She said, on American television, that it was "an excuse ahead of time in case she needs it".

The Graf camp came back with the suggestion that Navratilova was speaking with the voice of midfiddom: she has yet to offer congratulations to Steffi when she equalled Martina's record of 18 grand slam titles. Or, to put this another way: "Nah, nah, nah, nah." Girls, girls.

Anyway, Steffi says they have made up now: "She didn't really mean it how she said it." So that's all right, isn't it? Graf is a forgiving sort: at least, once an injury has been averted. And Graf went on to court yesterday with an injury to avenge last May, in Rome, she played Hingis and lost. It remains the one blotch on her season, her only tournament defeat this year.

The reason was simply itself: Graf had gone over to slightly out to lunch, distracted by the latest exploits of her dad. He had just been sent to jail for alleged tax evasion. Graf stepped on court with a



point to prove. She intimidated Hingis all right. She would have intimidated Mike Tyson. She reeled off the first four games in a dozen minutes, coming out of her corner in a bewildering explosion of punches that rained in from

all directions. It was hard not to go groggy — I mean, that forehead. Is it the finest in the history of the women's game? At times its power alone stuns you — but Steffi, rather unfairly, combines it with laser-beam accuracy. It certainly stunned Hingis.

Thus, Graf emerged from her encounters with a win on points over Martina Sr and a win by knock-out over Martina Jr. It all came together rather nicely to give us a still moment in the hectic pageant of sporting history. Navratilova is 12 years Graf's senior: she will be 40 in October.

Hingis is 12 years Graf's junior and, in September, will be old enough to go out and buy a legal packet of fags. She is still 15. The nicely-sculpted cheekbones make her look, in moments of concentration, a good deal older, but she sheds these bogus years in post-match prattle.

Still a child, but already one hell of a player and winner of more than a quarter of a million bucks in prize-money this year alone. Overwhelmed in the first set, she regrouped, regained nerve and timing and slugged it out all the way to the finish, saving a pair of match points on the way.

She is as convincing as various teenybop sensations before her were not. If she can steer between the Scylla and Charybdis of physical and psychological breakdown, she will grow into a champion, one to savour. Graf knows it, too: "In the last few months, the way she's improved. There is good chance she'll get closer to the top five."

I do not think she will stop there. Introduced to the circuit far too early, at the age of 14, she has this year begun to grow into the part. "I'm stronger," Hingis said. "Mentally, maybe I'm also better, just one year older."

However, it will take a year or two more before Hingis is capable of disrupting Graf's serenity. Standing between the falling and the rising Martinis, Graf looks untouch-

'Navratilova was speaking with the voice of midfiddom'

able on the pinnacle. She stands in line for her seventh Wimbledon singles title and it will take something altogether exceptional to stop her. Her allegedly dodgy knee is simply not up to the task: she looked as wonderfully athletic as ever yesterday — by the way, how can you play a forehand with such power when adjusting your shot by jumping backwards?

Monica Seles came to Wimbledon as her main rival, but, carrying a shoulder injury, far too many pounds and heaven knows what psychological baggage after the dreadful stabbing incident of 1993, she found both the task and the occasion beyond her.

In truth, with Steffi, as with all great champions, the real opponent carries not a racket but a scythe and his name is Time. That was the gentleman that finished Navratilova's career and he will do the same for Graf — but I fancy that Hingis will be there to help him in his work, when the day comes.

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TENNIS: APPELMANS PROVES DOGGED AFTER BREAKS DISRUPT No 4 SEED'S RHYTHM

Sánchez Vicario dodges showers to reign supreme

By Alex Ramsay

THE rain in Spain does not really bother Arantza Sánchez Vicario. It is the rain at Wimbledon that causes her trouble. Yesterday, she was in and out of the locker room continually, dodging the showers and trying to deal with the challenge of Sabine Appelmans. Eventually, she managed both, although it took her the best part of the afternoon. One hour and 24 minutes of play, spread over two hours and 13 minutes, got her through to the quarter-finals 3-6, 6-2, 6-1. It was a difficult sort of day.

Appelmans, of Belgium, is one of those players who seems to have been around for years and yet she is still only 24. She has never made it into the upper echelons of the game and yet has carved out a career — and made more than £1 million — by appearing in events just below the top level, beating players that no one has really heard of but who still require a degree of nous and talent to overcome.

In fact, her biggest win to date has been not against the Grals and Seles of this world, but over Claudia Schiffer, Sharon Stone and Pamela Anderson to win the Ideal Woman award in a Belgian magazine.

Yesterday, she got off to an ideal start. The normally tennis-obsessed Sánchez Vicario seemed out of sorts and Appelmans made the most of it. On any other day, you could have said that she making hay while the sun shone, but there was precious little of that at Wimbledon. Ahead by 3-2 with a break in the first set, the rain started and off they came.



the same group as her friend. Away from the court, she has become a video personality, releasing an aerobics tape that has become a best seller in Belgium.

However, where Appelmans is bright, personable and a pretty good player, Sánchez Vicario is bright, personable and a world-beater. The former world No 1 is not known to give up without a fight and, at 2-0 down in the second set, she suddenly woke up.

The old batter was back and, thundering in to the net, she had Appelmans on the back foot with a new-found aggression. With the rain

clouds looming, she was not going to hang about, reeling off the next 11 games in the twinkling of an eye and making her way to the next round.

It was not the best of days for Sánchez Vicario. Her right wrist is getting better, but was still causing her pain, although her main worry yesterday was her lack of concentration in the first set.

"It took me a long time before I started playing my own game," she said. "She was playing really well and sometimes it's hard, with the rain to play one game and then you go off and then you have to concentrate and go back. At the beginning, I was not much into the match."

No matter. Sánchez Vicario is nothing if not confident. To be taken to three sets by a woman to whom she has never lost is not so much a setback as proof that she is still in with a chance. "I knew I had to come back and play great tennis if I wanted to win and that's what I did. I do feel I am playing great."

As for Appelmans, she was confused by Sánchez Vicario's tactics. Expecting her to come out of the traps like a startled whippet, she had planned just to try to keep pace for the first few games. Finding herself a set up, she threw her hat, when Sánchez Vicario finally started to play, she was unprepared.

"I did not know what to do anymore," she said. Overall, however, it had been a good week, her best yet at Wimbledon — and reaching the fourth round at Wimbledon is something that Claudia Schiffer has never managed. That is 2-0 to Appelmans.



Appelmans tosses to serve during her three-set defeat by Sánchez Vicario

Hlasek given no quarter by Australian



Hlasek returns on his way to defeat by Stoltenberg

JASON STOLTENBERG, of Australia, swept into the last 16 of the men's singles at Wimbledon yesterday when he defeated the Swiss, Jakob Hlasek, 6-2, 7-6, 6-2.

Stoltenberg now plays either his compatriot, Patrick Rafter, or the No 4 seed, Goran Ivanisevic, of Croatia, in the quarter-finals. That match was one of several that were affected by rain last night.

Meredith McGrath, of the United States, avoided the worst of the showers to end Katarina Stutenkova's giant-killing run yesterday when

she beat the 23-year-old Slovak, who upset Monica Seles in the second round, 6-4, 6-0.

McGrath, 25, who won Eastbourne two years ago and who is this year's Edgbaston champion, led 4-0 in the second set when rain interrupted proceedings. After a delay of several hours, she returned on court and won two straight games to end the match.

McGrath now meets the No 9 seed, Mary Joe Fernandez, who yesterday beat Ai Sugiyama, of Japan, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

RESULTS FROM WIMBLEDON

Men's singles Winner: £392,500 Runner-up: £196,250 Holder: P Sampras (US) Fourth round T. HENMAN (GB) vs M. Gustafsson (Swe) 7-6, 6-4, 7-6	Women's singles Winner: £353,000 Runner-up: £176,500 Holder: S Graf (Ger) Fourth round S. Graf (Ger) vs M. Hingis (Swe) 6-1, 6-4 M. Pierce (UK) vs E. Likhovtseva (Rus) 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 J. K. Williams (Aus) vs A. Frazier (US) 6-4, 6-3 A. Sánchez Vicario (Sp) vs S. Appelmans (Bel) 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 M. McGrath (US) vs K. Stutenkova (Slovakia) 6-4, 6-0	Women's doubles Winners: £139,040 Runners-up: £69,500 Holders: J. Novotna (Cz) and A. Sánchez Vicario (Sp) Third round G. Fernandez (US) and M. Zvereva (Bel) vs N. Bradtke (Aus) and R. McQuillan (Aus) 6-2, 6-1 P. Smylie (Aus) and L. M. Wild (US) vs L. Raymond (US) and P. Stubbs (Aus) 6-4, 7-6	Mixed doubles Winners: £68,280 Runners-up: £34,140 Holders: J. Stark (US) and M. Navratilova (US) Second round R. Bhargava (Ind) and K. Po (US) vs D. Adams (SA) and K. A. Guse (Aus) 7-6, 7-6
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ROWING

Cross seeking revenge

MARTIN CROSS is hoping to get a second chance to take on Hermann Bauer, of Austria, in the final of the Silver Goblets pairs at the Henley Royal Regatta on Sunday (Mike Rosewell writes).

Cross, 38, an Olympic bronze medal-winner in 1980 and Olympic champion, with Steve Redgrave, in 1984, narrowly lost to Bauer in a remarkable 1990 Goblets final. Both men are attempting to reach this year's final with new partners. Bauer and Andreas Nader are the only

Atlanta-bound pair in the event and Cross, a British international from 1978 to 1994, is with Richard Stanhope, 39, an international from 1981 to 1992.

Eton's race in the Temple Challenge Cup tomorrow will attract particular interest. Orange Coast, their American opponents, are using a revolutionary, snub-nosed, hydrophobic boat with a self-correcting rudder, reputed to be worth five seconds advantage, nearly two lengths, over 2,000 metres.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal 6 Philadelphia 5, Chicago 6 Cincinnati 0, St Louis 10 Pittsburgh 3 Houston 9 New York 4, Colorado 16 Los Angeles 0, San Diego 3 San Francisco 4, Atlanta 5 Florida 4 AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 9 Detroit 4, Toronto 15 Milwaukee 2, Kansas City 9 New York Yankees 5, Minnesota 5 Kansas City 2 Seattle 4 Texas 3 California 1 Oakland 6 Cleveland 4 Chicago 2	BASEBASKETBALL INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Australia 82 Italy 62 (in Sydney). Australia lead two-match series 4-0	BOWLS BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS: Usher Transport: England: Semifinal: J. Lammiman (Eng) 15-3, 16-15, 17-15, 18-15, 19-15, 20-15, 21-15, 22-15, 23-15, 24-15, 25-15, 26-15, 27-15, 28-15, 29-15, 30-15, 31-15, 32-15, 33-15, 34-15, 35-15, 36-15, 37-15, 38-15, 39-15, 40-15, 41-15, 42-15, 43-15, 44-15, 45-15, 46-15, 47-15, 48-15, 49-15, 50-15, 51-15, 52-15, 53-15, 54-15, 55-15, 56-15, 57-15, 58-15, 59-15, 60-15, 61-15, 62-15, 63-15, 64-15, 65-15, 66-15, 67-15, 68-15, 69-15, 70-15, 71-15, 72-15, 73-15, 74-15, 75-15, 76-15, 77-15, 78-15, 79-15, 80-15, 81-15, 82-15, 83-15, 84-15, 85-15, 86-15, 87-15, 88-15, 89-15, 90-15, 91-15, 92-15, 93-15, 94-15, 95-15, 96-15, 97-15, 98-15, 99-15, 100-15, 101-15, 102-15, 103-15, 104-15, 105-15, 106-15, 107-15, 108-15, 109-15, 110-15, 111-15, 112-15, 113-15, 114-15, 115-15, 116-15, 117-15, 118-15, 119-15, 120-15, 121-15, 122-15, 123-15, 124-15, 125-15, 126-15, 127-15, 128-15, 129-15, 130-15, 131-15, 132-15, 133-15, 134-15, 135-15, 136-15, 137-15, 138-15, 139-15, 140-15, 141-15, 142-15, 143-15, 144-15, 145-15, 146-15, 147-15, 148-15, 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Durham CC: Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset Finchampton: Hampshire v Dorset Eggleston Park: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire Worcestershire: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire Imingham v Northamptonshire Barn Hooch Trophy (one day): Blingby v Yorkshire v Lancashire	OTHER SPORT BOWLS: British Isles outdoor championship and international series (Belfast) LACROSSE: Women's international. Scotland v United States (Edinburgh) Lacrosse: 14-10 (Scotland) v 10-14 (USA)
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Scotland surprise holders

SCOTLAND, who have not won the British Isles bowls team title since 1979, surprised the holders, Wales, when the home international series got underway in Belfast yesterday (David Rhys Jones writes).

The Scots, who picked David Gourlay Jr, the world indoor singles champion, for the first time, led 88-73 after 15 ends, but Wales swept into the lead, 97-94, three ends later. George Adair, Willie Wood and Alex Marshall produced wins for the Scots, who finished strongly to win 124-112.

England, who beat the Channel Islands, 145-99, were flattered by their winning margin and owed much to big victories for the rinks skipped by Tony Alcock, the world outdoor singles champion, and David Ward.

In the British individual championships, John Leaman, the England champion, from County Durham, reached the singles final with a 2-14 win over Graeme Archer, the Scottish champion. Cheltenham, skipped by Alcock, reached the final of the triples, beating the Guernsey trio, skipped by Paul Inghoull, 18-13.

SHOOTING: Lieutenant Sally Roots, 29, a Royal Navy engineer officer at Yeovilton, who last year became the first woman to win a Queen's medal for combat shooting, yesterday won the Royal Navy target rifle championship at ranges of 300, 600, 900 and 1,000 yards.

RUGBY UNION: Kim Deshayes, a former marketing manager at the Test and County Cricket Board, is to become the first chief executive of EPRUC — the organisation running English professional clubs.

Scotland surprise holders

BY ROBERT

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RACING: BOOKMAKERS KEEN TO LAY DERBY WINNER FOR SANDOWN SHOWDOWN

Shaamit has point to prove in Eclipse

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

SHAAMIT'S Derby reputation will be put on the line if he runs in the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown — and the bookmakers doubt if the William Hagga-trained classic winner is up to it.

The form of his Epsom success has taken a succession of the knocks with the horses who finished second, third, fourth, fifth and eighth having all been beaten subsequently, and when the sponsors opened their ante-post book for Saturday's group one race the 9-2 offered against Shaamit reflected the question mark which now hangs over the Derby form.

William Hill were even more damning, making Shaamit an 11-2 chance. "His Epsom form took a battering over the weekend and he is certainly one who will want to lay," David Hood, the Hills spokesman, said.

"There is a big doubt about the Derby form and his reputation is on the line," Dave Gilbert, the Coral odds compiler, added after installing the Geoff Wragg-trained Pentire as the 5-2 favourite.

"No prisoners will be taken in the Eclipse. With horses like Bijou D'Inde, there will be a

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ENCHANTING EVE (3.30 Chelmsow)
Next best: Fonzy (3.45 Musselburgh)

great pace from the word go. The question is whether the turn of foot which he showed in the Derby will be so effective against these horses? He added: "With Dushyantor and Alhaarth having been well beaten since the Derby, the Eclipse looks to have better horses who are more battle hardened."

Hagga will not make a

decision about Shaamit's participation until after his stable star works at Newmarket tomorrow but supporters of the Derby winner will be quick to point out his natural speed could make him even more effective over the ten furlongs of the Eclipse.

Coral bet: 5-2 Pentire, 9-2 Shaamit, 5-1 Halling, 11-2 Charnwood Forest, 7-1 Bijou D'Inde, 10-1 Singpiel, 10-1 Definite Article, 25-1 Beauchamp King and

Ela-Aristokrati. Hills offer: 5-2 Pentire, 3-1 Halling, 11-2 Shaamit, Charnwood Forest, 1-1 Valanour, 8-1 Bijou D'Inde, 10-1 Singpiel, 10-1 Definite Article, 40-1 Ela-Aristokrati.

Pentire, winner of the Irish Champion Stakes last year, has not raced since finishing a creditable fourth to Cigar in the Dubai World Cup in March, on his first run on the dirt. However, this race has been the target for Geoff Wragg's top-class four-year-old for some time and he has been in sparkling form at home. The one doubt concerns the forecast of substantial rain before Saturday as Pentire is unproven on soft ground.

By contrast, Halling, who gives underfoot and Simon Crisford, the Godolphin racing manager, believes the five-year-old is in the form which saw him win the Eclipse 12 months ago. "The only times he has been disappointed is when we tried to make a turf horse into a dirt horse. We should have learned our lesson in the Breeders' Cup Classic."

"When he ran in Dubai he beat other turf horses on the sand and looked as though he handled it, but in the World Cup, where he came up

against professional dirt horses, it was a completely different ball game."

Halling won the group one Prix D'Esplanade at Longchamp on very soft ground in May and Crisford added: "He's going very well."

Valanour, trained in France by Alain de Royer Dupré, won the Prix d'Harcourt and Prix Ganay in the spring and looks an interesting contender, while Dermot Weld, successful with Zagreb in the Irish Derby on Sunday, confirmed that Definite Article is a likely runner.

After discussing the merits of Zagreb's outstanding victory yesterday, Nigel Gray and Kieran Kennedy, the British and Irish middle-distance handicappers respectively, allotted a rating of 125 to the Irish Derby winner — compared to the 123 given to Shaamit and 122 earned by Lady Carla, the Oaks winner.

With Dushyantor, Shamou, Glory Of Dancer, Alhaarth, Achamre and Sparian Heart all having been defeated since running in the Derby, Gray is waiting to see how Shaamit performs on Saturday before possibly reassessing the Epsom ratings.



Halling attempts a repeat victory in the Eclipse



CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER

2.00 Asterix 5.30 Downy
2.30 Chantrel Imp 4.00 Classic Parisian
3.00 Mr Bergegar 4.30 Overruled
5.00 Elie Reg

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
4.00 CLASSIC PARISIEN.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 CLASSIC PARISIEN (nap).
4.30 Overruled.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: SF-HIGH, NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 ROLLING CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGER SERIES HANDICAP

(Amateurs: 2.20; 1m 14yd) (8 runners)

1 (1) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
2 (2) 21121 SPONTANEOUS 4 (3) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
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7 (7) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
8 (8) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00

Long handicap: Royal Ascot 9-2
SETTING: 5-2 Asterix, 4-1 Chantrel Imp, 5-1 Downy, 10-1 Elie Reg.

2.30 SUMMER SELLING STAKES

(3-Y-O; £2,346; 1m 14yd) (8 runners)

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Long handicap: Royal Ascot 9-2
SETTING: 5-2 Asterix, 4-1 Chantrel Imp, 5-1 Downy, 10-1 Elie Reg.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Pontefract

Going: good to firm

1. LARGESSE (M. Fenlon, 7-2)
2. Swino (P. Price, 3-1)
3. Melrose (P. Price, 3-1)
4. Swino (P. Price, 3-1)
5. Melrose (P. Price, 3-1)
6. Swino (P. Price, 3-1)
7. Melrose (P. Price, 3-1)
8. Swino (P. Price, 3-1)

Southwell

Going: standard

1. LADY SILK (M. Fenlon, 7-2)
2. Most Uplift (S. Williams, 5-1)
3. Orange (S. Williams, 5-1)
4. Most Uplift (S. Williams, 5-1)
5. Orange (S. Williams, 5-1)
6. Most Uplift (S. Williams, 5-1)
7. Orange (S. Williams, 5-1)
8. Most Uplift (S. Williams, 5-1)

3.00 STWARDS TRIAL HANDICAP

(£5,215; 1m 14yd) (7 runners)

1 (1) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
2 (2) 21121 SPONTANEOUS 4 (3) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
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7 (7) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00

Long handicap: Royal Ascot 9-2
SETTING: 5-2 Asterix, 4-1 Chantrel Imp, 5-1 Downy, 10-1 Elie Reg.

3.30 BREW CLAMMING STAKES

(2-Y-O; £2,670; 6f) (8 runners)

1 (1) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
2 (2) 21121 SPONTANEOUS 4 (3) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
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8 (8) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00

Long handicap: Royal Ascot 9-2
SETTING: 5-2 Asterix, 4-1 Chantrel Imp, 5-1 Downy, 10-1 Elie Reg.

4.00 MANSION MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O; £3,872; 1m 2yd) (10 runners)

1 (1) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
2 (2) 21121 SPONTANEOUS 4 (3) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
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Long handicap: Royal Ascot 9-2
SETTING: 5-2 Asterix, 4-1 Chantrel Imp, 5-1 Downy, 10-1 Elie Reg.

MUSSELBURGH

THUNDERER

2.15 Bold Street, 2.45 BACK IN THE USSR (nap), 3.45 Fonzy, 4.15 Amelodromus, 4.45 Zain Chirone.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 Roscel.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: SF, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 RAINBOW RIVER HANDICAP

(Amateurs: £2,591; 5f) (12 runners)

1 (1) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
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12 (12) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00

Long handicap: Royal Ascot 9-2
SETTING: 5-2 Asterix, 4-1 Chantrel Imp, 5-1 Downy, 10-1 Elie Reg.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

100 (12) 04422 GOOD TIMES 74 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
101 (13) 04422 GOOD TIMES 74 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
102 (14) 04422 GOOD TIMES 74 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
103 (15) 04422 GOOD TIMES 74 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
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110 (22) 04422 GOOD TIMES 74 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00

Long handicap: Royal Ascot 9-2
SETTING: 5-2 Asterix, 4-1 Chantrel Imp, 5-1 Downy, 10-1 Elie Reg.

4.30 MIDDLE LODGE HANDICAP

(3-Y-O fillies: £3,712; 1m 2yd) (8 runners)

1 (1) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
2 (2) 21121 SPONTANEOUS 4 (3) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
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8 (8) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00

Long handicap: Royal Ascot 9-2
SETTING: 5-2 Asterix, 4-1 Chantrel Imp, 5-1 Downy, 10-1 Elie Reg.

5.00 LIONS LODGE HANDICAP

(2-Y-O; 2m 2yd) (8 runners)

1 (1) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
2 (2) 21121 SPONTANEOUS 4 (3) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
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8 (8) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00

Long handicap: Royal Ascot 9-2
SETTING: 5-2 Asterix, 4-1 Chantrel Imp, 5-1 Downy, 10-1 Elie Reg.

3.45 JOAN SMITH IS 40 TODAY CLAIMING STAKES

(2-Y-O; £2,736; 5f) (4)

1 (1) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
2 (2) 21121 SPONTANEOUS 4 (3) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
3 (3) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
4 (4) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00

Long handicap: Royal Ascot 9-2
SETTING: 5-2 Asterix, 4-1 Chantrel Imp, 5-1 Downy, 10-1 Elie Reg.

4.15 BIRFIELD HANDICAP

(£3,511; 1m 3yd) (7)

1 (1) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
2 (2) 21121 SPONTANEOUS 4 (3) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
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7 (7) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00

Long handicap: Royal Ascot 9-2
SETTING: 5-2 Asterix, 4-1 Chantrel Imp, 5-1 Downy, 10-1 Elie Reg.

4.45 GULLANE HANDICAP

(£2,766; 7f 15yd) (14)

1 (1) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
2 (2) 21121 SPONTANEOUS 4 (3) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00
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14 (14) 0018 DELIGHT OF DANCE 22 (2) 0141 J. Dendane (4) 00

Long handicap: Royal Ascot 9-2
SETTING: 5-2 Asterix, 4-1 Chantrel Imp, 5-1 Downy, 10-1 Elie Reg.

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

Horse	Coral	Hills	Ladbrokes
Yeast	10/1	10/1	10/1
Salmon Ladder	10/1	10/1	10/1
Skillington	10/1	10/1	10/1
Chief Burund	10/1	10/1	10/1
Sheer Dandig	10/1	10/1	10/1
Silver Groom	10/1	10/1	10/1
Willem	10/1	10/1	10/1
Special Dancer	10/1	10/1	10/1
Major Change	10/1	10/1	10/1
Pleasant Surprise	10/1	10/1	10/1
Winter Romance	10/1	10/1	10/1
Believe Me	10/1	10/1	10/1

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Trophy, over ten furlongs at Sandown on Friday, is always a fiercely competitive handicap, and this season's renewal is no exception. With Wimbledon well underway, it is no surprise that rain is forecast for much of the week and the ground will probably be on the soft side at Sandown.

The Royal Hunt Cup winner, Yeast, heads the betting at 4-1, but he is far from certain to stay, particularly if conditions are testing. Yeast's trainer, William Haggas, has also entered Miska, but he is an unlikely starter.

The ground will be an important factor for many of the fancied runners, with Salmon Ladder, Skillington and Sheer Dandig all having a preference for a sound surface. Pleasant Surprise stayed on gamely to finish fourth behind Samman in the King George V Handicap over 12 furlongs at Royal Ascot and would be a strong contender if testing ground brought his stamina into play. He looks fairly priced at 14-1.

Richard Hannone Believe Me showed progressive form last season, but has taken time to reach his peak this term. However, he appeared to be returning to form before finishing well beaten in the Britannia Handicap at Royal Ascot. That effort is best ignored as he helped force too strong a pace there and was assessed considerably on his stamina. BELIEVE ME should be ideally suited by ten furlongs with out in the ground and is a solid second value at the 25-1 offered by Coral and Hills.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 41

BEHISTUN (b) The Rock of Behistun is a cliff-like mountain face in Western Iran, east of Kermanshah, bearing cuneiform inscriptions in Persian, Elamite or Sasanian, and Babylonian, recounting the achievements of Darius I. By 1846 Henry Rawlinson had succeeded in translating the ancient Persian, thus providing the key for the subsequent translation of the Sasanian and Babylonian, and laying the foundations of scientific Assyriology.

TOPHET (c) The valley of the children of Hinnom, through which children were made "to pass through the fire of Molech" (11 Kings xiii, 10). In Hebrew, in prophesying the destruction of the Assyrians, foretold that their long would be destroyed by fire in Tophet. It is a bad place associated with horror and defilement, a place of human sacrifice, but its location is a guess. The name is taken as symbolic of Hell and it may mean "a place to be GRAMMONT".

(d) A short memory from the story of the Count of Grammont. From his marriage to Elizabeth Hamilton — La Belle Hamilton — of the Restoration Court. When leaving England in 1663, after a visit to which he had compromised the lady's name, he was followed by her brothers with drawn swords. They asked him if he had not forgotten something. "True, true," said the Count pleasantly; "I promised to marry your sister." With which he returned to London and married Elizabeth.

RACHE (e) In medieval England, a bound that hunts by scent (OE *raec* a bound; they were later called "running hounds" or *cantes curientes*. The Master of Game, c. 1410: "At first I will begin with raches and their nature, and then greyhounds and their nature, and then hounds and their nature, and then I shall devise and tell the sickness of hounds and their diseases."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. Bahl gah 2. Rg1 and wins, as if 2... f6g3 3. Qxg6 is mate.

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EXCLUSIVE: THE FIRST EXTRACIS FROM TERRY VENABLES'S NEW BOOK. TODAY: THE QUALITIES THAT MAKE A PLAYER GREAT

A measure of true greatness

BY TERRY VENABLES

Today Terry Venables opens his forthcoming book, *The Best Game in the World*, to *The Times*. His account of Euro 96 will follow later this month as soon as he has finished writing it

What makes a great player? Come to that, how do you assess the ability of any footballer, good, bad or indifferent? Is it just a matter of opinion based on experience, or is there actually a formula that could make the whole process a little more scientific and a little more accurate? I happen to think there is, because I was one of a number of people who worked hard to find it.

In the summer of 1995, after England had played Brazil, Sweden and Japan in the Umbro Cup, I took part in a brainstorming session in the United States. It was organised by Umbro, the sports-wear company. They invited Pelé, Louis van Gaal, the Ajax coach, Shu Kamo, Japan's coach, Peter Gooding, of the American coaching association, and myself.

It was a kind of think-tank designed to come up with a vision of the game in ten years' time. The idea was to find ways of maintaining football's massive, worldwide popularity and one of the things that emerged was a way of assessing the ability of footballers. We actually got a formula down on paper. It comes in four parts: technical, tactical, personality and pace. Those headings, I think, cover all the ingredients required to make a good player, and you give marks out of ten for each section. Basically, you are looking for a pass mark of 32 points out of 40.

My co-writer, Colin Malam, and I tried the system out using Tom Finney as a test case, and the old Preston Plumber came out of it with a remarkable 37 points, the highest mark I could recall up to then. Tottenham's Darren Anderson, with 35 points, also did particularly well.

I used a very similar system when I was a club manager. I wanted them on the 33/34 mark if I was going to spend a lot of money on a player, and I don't think I made too many mistakes over the 18 or 19 years I did it, provided I had the time to apply my own little test of quality. If you look back at the big boys I made, Paul Gascoigne and Gary Lineker, for instance, I don't think many were too far out. I'm not being big-headed in saying that. I'm simply trying to establish that here is a system for measuring the ability of footballers, quite a difficult thing to do, with a degree of accuracy.

There is a considerable difference, of course, between being a good player and a great one. Great, I think, is being outstanding in every one of the four categories in the system. Certainly, if you can get

tens for technique and personality, it is going to take you into greatness. It is usually the most talented players who have got a question mark against their personality, by which I mean strength of character and leadership qualities, not charm. Conversely, those with the strongest personalities often haven't got it technically. Tony Adams must get a ten for personality, for instance, but you couldn't give him more than seven for technical ability. Tom Finney,



'It's a crazy job, an almost impossible job.' Why I'm so grateful for Ron Greenwood's warning

on the other hand, would get a ten on personality and a ten for technique. That makes him great.

Great in national terms, at least. I think there is a distinction between national greatness and international greatness. If we are going to talk about the truly great players since the war, I don't think we can look much beyond Pelé and Diego Maradona. Maybe Johan Cruyff and Franz Beckenbauer as well, but nobody else qualifies for a level that you have to make greater than great.

Maradona's history of misbehaviour might prompt some to give him a low mark for personality, but he's always been a good team player. At Barcelona, they all spoke well of him, never mind what

anybody else said. And when he scored that goal for Argentina in the 1994 World Cup finals, all his team-mates ran towards him like a hurricane, didn't they, when he was going mad to the television cameras? They were all behind him, and you could see he was popular in the team. Overall, Pelé was probably the better player; but you could argue that Maradona never had as many top-class players around him as Pelé did in 1970.

What I always liked about Gary Lineker was the strength and clarity of his mind. If he failed to score, he wouldn't let it get him down. He'd make up his mind to go in there again looking for chances. He was unusual in that people with pace often lack a bit of thought, but his pace was electric and his mind couldn't have been sharper.

His touch could have been better sometimes, but because of his brightness, his game improved as he got older. His runs certainly improved, and he knew what he wanted from his game. It was all worked out. He very rarely hit the ball over the bar; it was always on target. When it's there, it's always got a chance of going in. Gary was shrewd; when it comes to a striker thinking about his game, he was possibly one of the best.

The one thing all great players have in common is that they are prepared to work hard for the team. Anybody who is not a team player is not a great player.

Maradona was a giver, not a taker, in the team context. Paul Gascoigne is the same. All Gazza wants is to be one of the boys. Normally, the rest of the players have got a little bit of selfishness about them towards the big star. He gets the best, and so on. But they want Gazza to have it because he only gives it back, anyway. That willingness to give of themselves for the sake of the team usually overrides any jealousy their team-mates might feel towards the star players.

The other thing, the main thing, all great players have in common is a love of the game. They must have loved it dearly at some stage in their lives to put in the practice that made them great. You don't become great by lying in bed. You become great by being born with the necessary talent and then polishing it to a fine sheen. I think you are blessed with a talent, but what you do with it can become a curse.

Extracted from *The Best Game in the World*, by Terry Venables. To be published by Century in September.



The main thing all great players have is a love of the game. You don't become great by lying in bed. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Farewell to the flat caps

The football fan has become a different person in the past five years, and will change even more in the next five. The working man in the flat cap, if we can call him that, still goes to football; but he is being driven out by the powerful forces bringing in more luxurious and more costly accommodation for the supporters. In the end, I think the working man will have to settle for watching his club on television at home or in the pub with his mates.

Gentrification is not without its benefits, however. One thing it has helped to do is drive out the hooligan. Without wishing to sound snobbish or be disloyal to my own working-class background, the increase in admission prices is likely to exclude the sort of people who were giving English football a bad name. I am talking about the young men, mostly working class, who terrorised football grounds, railway trains, cross-Channel ferries and towns and cities throughout England and Europe with their violence from the late Sixties, until the Heysel Stadium disaster in 1985, and the one at Hillsborough four years later, prompted a change of mood.

It has not been easy, if only because of the profound changes which have taken place in English society during the past 30 years. The breakdown of family life and the declining influence of religion, I believe, were largely responsible for the hooligan phenomenon. Families are breaking up, religion

dreadful episode, said to have been sparked off by extreme right-wing elements, should have been enough to alert us to the fact that football hooliganism has not gone away completely.

If I had any doubts about it, they were removed by a visit we had at the FA towards the end of 1995 from a policeman who specialises in the subject. He showed us all the

It was such a terrifying sight. I wondered whether to show it to the England players. I decided to in the end because sometimes games are held up for 15 minutes or so when there is trouble getting the crowd into the ground. The players get upset at the delay because they are all tuned up and ready to go. So I told them to cast their minds back to what they had just seen the next time their game is held up.

One of the worst side-effects of hooliganism is that it has made it so much more difficult for the well-behaved football supporter to gain some recognition and respect from the football authorities. As I keep on saying, the game belongs to the fan, not to the hooligan. It is the sense that he should have a big say in the way his club is run. In the thrashing out of what the game is going to be, the fans should be represented strongly. I'm not quite sure how that can be brought about, but perhaps the media could help.

Patriot games, page 15

'He showed us all the weapons they had confiscated from the thugs, and it was a terrifying sight'

is breaking up and so is the sense of discipline and self-worth they could impart.

So far as the English are concerned, hooliganism only seems to surface now when the controls are relaxed for a moment and a cause is involved, as was the case with the outbreak of trouble that brought about the abandonment of England's match against Ireland in Dublin in February 1995. That

weapons they had confiscated from the thugs, and it was a terrifying sight. You are talking about axes, sabres and razor-blades in the match programme. Apparently, they slide half the blades into the pages of a closed programme and then strike out with it.

I thought to myself that if anyone saw that collection of weapons they'd never go to football again, and certainly never let their kids go.

MY EURO 96 DIARIES



BY GRAHAM KELLY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

What? Sir Bert Millichip flashing? I think something rather important must have been lost in the translation

19 Wednesday JUNE Another match, another luncheon. This time Nottingham, the Royal Moat House. These venue luncheons comprise officials of the two countries playing each other, the Football Association, UEFA and city and county authorities — about 30 in all.

The game [Croatia v Portugal, at the City Ground] is a terrible disappointment.

Croatia, already qualified for the quarter-finals, rest many of their stars, lose a goal after only four minutes and slack defensive play leads to two further goals for Portugal.

Croatia may need to avoid yellow cards, but how fair is it to Denmark? At least Italy only harmed themselves by resting players against the Czechs.

20 Thursday JUNE Stoičkov is reported to have made racist comments to Desailly. If this is true, it's a disgraceful blot on the tournament and almost entirely out of keeping with the tenor of the finals.

Never thought I would ever say this, but I am sorry to see the Scots go home.

It's been a wonderful first phase — superb atmosphere, exciting football and nice people everywhere. A dream come true.

Can England progress and turn another dream into reality?

21 Friday JUNE Breakfast with Gerard Houllier, who pays tribute to England's preparations after visiting training before the Holland match. Meeting with Gordon Taylor about possible partnership

with FFA. Meeting of commercial committee.

Dinner with English and Spanish officials at Trinity House, Tower Hill, the home of Britain's lighthouses. Spanish president's compliment that "Sir Bert Millichip should have been blushing when praised on the organisation at UEFA's Euro 96 Committee" caused some amusement when his charming interpreter, Maria, initially said "flashing".

Egidius Braun is chairman of the Euro Committee, but hasn't seen Germany play yet because he gets too uptight.

22 Saturday JUNE Today I can appreciate Eddy Braun's feelings. I am so determined not to pitch my hopes too high that I am in torment when England v Spain kicks off at Wembley. For two years, I have

been saying that Venables is getting it right. Today will be the acid test against the technically gifted, strong and resilient Spaniards: when we shall see whether the team is capable of building upon their inspirational performance against the Dutch.

It was always going to be a tight game, but it becomes absorbing as England make excellent efforts for the all-important game. Neither team can find the net and extra time comes with the innovation of the sudden-death "golden goal", a phrase which probably says it all for the two coaches.

I suspect the new rule will prove counter-productive, as the risk of losing a goal when there is no recovering is so huge. However, both teams continue to seek a winner, which ultimately eludes them.

Six years after his Italia 90 penalty miss, Stuart Pearce is courage personified as he coolly despatches the third kick after Alan Shearer and David Platt. England's victory is sealed by Gascoigne and the super Seaman.

In *The Times*, David Miller criticised the Turkish supporters for their non-stop derision of the Croats at Nottingham. Am I alone in finding the English baying of the Spanish penalty-takers unpleasant? Maybe I'm expecting too much.

Terribly sad for the Spanish who go home undefeated but just don't do enough to win today. Tears of sadness and joy in the royal box during the final singing.

One England fan proffers programme and pen not for my autograph but for that of my constant companion, who has so impressed him with her singing! Frank Skinner hasn't cried so much since the Baggies were relegated.

I decide not to ask him which time!

Terry's [Venables'] dad, Fred, recognises that England have secured a really good victory.

Who do we want to face in the semi? I would rather the organised and straightforward Germans than the tough, gifted and unpredictable Croats.

Frank Skinner sits quietly in the royal, retiring room watching France v Holland with a glass of mineral water as the rest of the team join friends and relations in the bar. I tell Shearer and Sheringham that they deserve all their success.

Home in time to watch last 15 minutes and penalties in the [France] quarter-final. Ring Houllier to congratulate him on France's success.

We have three "lodgers from hell" in residence so it's off with the eight-year-old to fetch a takeaway from Pizza Hut and a (relatively) early night.

23 Sunday JUNE Our visitors are off to the airport at 7.30am, so it's off to the health club at the constant companion's hotel to shake off the lethargy of late nights and motorway travel. If she was responsible, for the

Italian Night advertised in the lobby for the eve of the final, maybe her job in sales could well be on the line.

Work on proposals for reform of the European Champions Cup, as UEFA have requested observations by June 26.

The biggest flaw, in my view, is the suggestion to have groups of six teams in the Champions' League, rather than four as at present. This would surely lead to meaningless games which would distort competition.

Poborski's outrageous scoop for the Czech Republic frustrates the increasingly lacklustre Portuguese, but the watching French must have been rubbing their hands at the bookings incurred by four Czechs which render them ineligible for Wednesday's semi-final at Old Trafford.

Overnight in Birmingham.

24 Monday JUNE Welcome address to the FA Coca Cola Football Development Conference at the International Convention Centre. Presenters include Andy Roxburgh and Bert van Linen.

I refer to the massive strides football has made in ten years since we first embarked upon development programmes with local authorities.

Since we overcame Spain on Saturday I have really come to believe that we might go all the way.

TOMORROW: WEMBLEY'S GRAND FINALE

Send a goodwill fax to Terry and the team at their Burnham Beeches base.

25 Tuesday JUNE Driving to work at 6am, I am struck on hearing Neil Sedaka's *Berry Crumble* how sad it must be to live in the United States, a nation of 300 million people whose memories of tender years are dominated by Saturday afternoons at the picture show.

Throughout my 50 years, I have never been able to conceive Saturday without a match and now I'm getting the feeling in summer too. And on nearly every other day as well as Saturday.

Today's *Daily Mirror* has a smiling picture of Klusmann on the front page accepting their food hamper.

Yesterday's rude and ignorant analogies with the war have caused widespread anger. Like Stoičkov's abuse of Desailly, it was out of tune with the good nature of the tournament.

Meeting of the pyramid of the Football Committee. Life still goes on outside Euro 96. A F.H. Newbury's election into the Wessex League is opposed by both the Hellenic League and the Hampshire League.

Football may have come home but some of the problems never go away.

To reception given by Ian Wooldridge of the *Daily Mail*.

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CYCLING

Cipollini exacts rapid revenge on sprint rivals

LIKE wicketkeepers and goalkeepers, cycling's sprinters are a breed apart, respected and feared by their fellows. They earn their pay on the long, flat stages that traditionally dominate the first week of the Tour de France.

By the time the peloton sweeps into Paris at the end of the race, they are resting their well-muscled legs in the garden. Sprinters are not built to last nor, on the evidence of yesterday, are they to be crossed lightly.

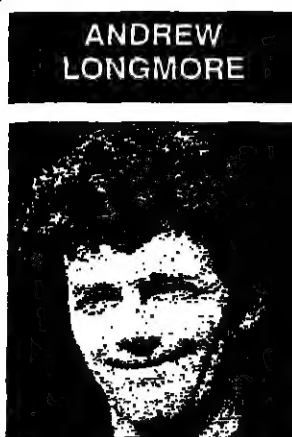
On the second-longest stage of the Tour, 247 kilometres through Holland, Belgium and into northern France, Mario Cipollini, the self-styled king of the sprinters, alias the *Il Re Leone* (The Lion King), Super Mario and *Il Magnifico* — sprinters and climbers are granted nicknames — had a point to prove.

Humiliated the previous day by Frederick Moncassin, the Gan sprinter (he was fined and disqualified from third place for blocking the Frenchman near the line), the flamboyant Italian restored the natural order by winning the second stage of the Tour by a bicycle length. As sprint victories are measured in millimetres, it was not even close.

Had it been a horse race, Cipollini would have been an odds-on favourite. In the morning, he had congratulated Moncassin on his victory, but through the gritted teeth and with the dark tones that suggested revenge was nigh. Sprinters live on their nerves. Rumours of the demise of a champion spread quickly through the closed community and, on this Tour, there are plenty of young pretenders ready to exploit any weakness.

"You risk and risk and risk until someone hits the brakes," Max Sciandri, a close friend of Cipollini's, said. Sprinters get rich by ignoring the brakes.

On Sunday, Cipollini had spent much of his afternoon in the pack discussing cars, mo-



On the Tour de France

tobikes and speed in general with Sciandri, the British Olympic rider and a member of the Motorola team, who is a neighbour in Tuscany. Both have recently bought Harley-Davidsons.

Cipollini lives in the village of San Giusio Compio (pop. 60), close to the beautiful walled town of Lucca, but his lifestyle of fast cars and designer clothes smacks too much of the big-city boy for some of the more sober locals.

"He told me he is going to buy a Ferrari soon," Sciandri said, "but much of all that



Cipollini: proud

FOUR DETAILS

SECOND STAGE (247 km, Den Bosch to Wassenaar): 1, M Cipollini (It, SAECCO) 4h 20m 22s; 2, F Moncassin (Fr, TMO) 4h 21m 22s; 3, J Serrano (Sp, SAECCO) 4h 21m 22s; 4, F Moncassin (Fr, TMO) 4h 21m 22s; 5, E Zabel (Ger, Deutsche Telekom) 4h 21m 22s; 6, J Serrano (Sp, SAECCO) 4h 21m 22s; 7, M Taveras (It, SAECCO) 4h 21m 22s; 8, A Fregatto (It, SAECCO) 4h 21m 22s; 9, C Camm (It, SAECCO) 4h 21m 22s; 10, A Fregatto (It, SAECCO) 4h 21m 22s; 11, M Taveras (It, SAECCO) 4h 21m 22s; 12, A Fregatto (It, SAECCO) 4h 21m 22s; 13, M Taveras (It, SAECCO) 4h 21m 22s; 14, A Fregatto (It, SAECCO) 4h 21m 22s; 15, M Taveras (It, SAECCO) 4h 21m 22s; 16, A Fregatto (It, SAECCO) 4h 21m 22s; 17, L Stedum (Fr, TMO) 4h 21m 22s; 18, J Serrano (Sp, SAECCO) 4h 21m 22s; 19, F Moncassin (Fr, TMO) 4h 21m 22s; 20, M Taveras (It, SAECCO) 4h 21m 22s; 21, A Fregatto (It, SAECCO) 4h 21m 22s; 22, M Taveras (It, SAECCO) 4h 21m 22s; 23, A Fregatto (It, SAECCO) 4h 21m 22s; 24, M Taveras (It, SAECCO) 4h 21m 22s; 25, A Fregatto (It, SAECCO) 4h 21m 22s; 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Mighty strange behaviour, way out west

My senses told me that something was wrong. For the first night after the footie, it was quiet, too quiet. What, for instance, was a mini-series featuring half of Hollywood doing on little ol' Channel 4? By 11 o'clock, however, the secret was out. *Buffalo Girls* (Channel 4) was very, very bad.

Now this was something of a disappointment, as I had been looking forward for some time to a buckskin-clad Anjelica Huston cracking her bullwhip. "Let's drink to my ba-zooms," she cried out from the much-repeated trailers. "Oh, gladly, Ms Anjelica." I'd reply, making a mental note to add sipping bourbon to my shopping list.

But I ought to have known better. People just don't go round saying "let's drink to my ba-zooms," just as you won't hear "you always seem to be looking out for me, No Ears" very often either.

But that was everyday chit-chat compared with some of what passed for dialogue last night.

My personal nominations for Worst Line in a Mini-series are "even a broken-down, old bull-whacker is better than no mother at all" closely followed by this gem, relating to a revolutionary, if rather eccentric, scheme to repopulate the Rockies with wild beaver: "We could buy a few pairs, let them loose in the high creeks, where they would procreate, proliferate and be plentiful again." I don't know how Jack Palance managed to keep a straight face.

Huston was Calamity Jane, who in between cracking whips and shouting orders, found time to be ravished by Wild Bill Hickok and give birth to a daughter who was promptly adopted. It was the news that the woman who had adopted her daughter had died that sent her into "broken-down, old bull-whacker" mode last night and

which gets her to England in time for tonight's concluding instalment.

With America now consumed with guilt about the style in which the West was "won", *Buffalo Girls* was heavy with the scent of revisionism. General Custer was reduced to a ride-on part as an arrogant fool; Buffalo Bill expressed his regrets about killing so many buffalo and Wild Bill Hickok said he was sorry for being so wild. Or rather he would have done if he hadn't been shot dead midway through the second reel.

But I got a little of feeling that everything's going to work out all right in the end. Consider what happened to our girl when she got stuck in a blizzard. She lost her dog, she fell off her horse and as the snow piled up around her she seemed lost. Then who should come along but No Ears (Floyd Red Crow

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Westerman) who picked her up and carried her off to the hotel run by her best friend, Dora (Melanie Griffith). Two minutes later — and I kid you not — Calamity's horse knocked on the front door. Five minutes later, there was another knock. By this stage, I wouldn't have been at all surprised if her brother and sister who run it, extremely rich and that it has a rather questionable reputation. Not sur-

prisingly, *World in Action* concentrated on the last.

In doing so it broke little in the way of new ground, but the power and immediacy of television pictures (even pictures of buses) breathed energetic new life into an old story. From up and down the country came local footage of white, unmarked buses playing for customers in competition with established local firms. But there is competition and competition, as Sir Bob Reid, a former chairman of British Rail, explained. One per cent, 2 per cent, 3 per cent below that was competition. But free buses, allegedly a favourite Stagecoach tactic that was predatory pricing.

The programme also examined the amounts of public money that the company receives, although this section was rather too dependent on the contribution of the Labour transport

spokesman for the directors to lose much sleep. Selling off assets for more than you paid for them may be reprehensible in his eyes, but to many others it is simply good business.

The latest public money that the company has received is an annual subsidy of £54 million to run South West Trains. What, wonder, would Hatley branch line do with £54 million? Well, hopefully make a much better sit-com than *Oh, Dr Beeching* (BBC1).

The new series began last night with a repeat of last year's pilot, redrafted to take into account the fact that Paul Shane's Righty wife is now played by Julia Desautel rather than Sherrie Hewson. On its first showing I reluctantly predicted that the pilot would be back as a series "within a year". It will probably run and run — subsidies permitting.

But I ought to have known better. People just don't go round saying "let's drink to my ba-zooms," just as you won't hear "you always seem to be looking out for me, No Ears" very often either.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (55802)
6.00am BBC Breakfast News (Ceelex) (74463)
9.00am Breakfast News Extra (Ceelex) (3033482)

9.20am Prue Leith's Tricks of the Trade (i) (4526821)
9.30am The Natural World (i) (Ceelex) (s) (8788889)

10.20am FILM: Leave All Fair (1985) starring John Gielgud, Jane Birkin and Feodor Atkine. Directed by John Reed. The later life of John Middleton Murry, husband of Katherine Mansfield. (Ceelex) (2217579)

12.00am News (Ceelex), regional news and weather (2814325)

12.05pm Going for Gold (i) (7444335) 12.30pm For the Love of M (i) (7444335) 12.35pm Neighbours (Ceelex) (s) (8365331)

1.00pm News (Ceelex) and weather (77550)
1.30pm Regional News and weather (1291531)

1.40pm Wimbledon 96. Desmond Lynum introduces live coverage of the ladies' singles quarter-finals (s) (94132647)

5.35pm Neighbours (i) (Ceelex) (s) (730956)
6.00pm News (Ceelex) and weather (27)
6.30pm Regional News Magazine (79)

7.00pm The Good Food Show. Recipe ideas and investigative reports presented by Juliet Morris, Patsy McCarthy and Will Harriman. This week features simple suppers and puddings, and British chef Alistair Little offers a fish recipe and to celebrate National Pub Week, Patsy McCarthy goes on a pub grub crawl, reporting on the revolution in traditional "pub grub" (Ceelex) (s) (9889)

7.30pm EastEnders. There is something in the post for Bianca, and unexpected news reaches the Fowlers when Pauline returns from her trip to America. Paul worries that Kathy and Phil behave awkwardly when she tries to visit baby Ben. (Ceelex) (s) (53)

8.00pm Dawn to Dusk: The Chimpanzees of Gombe (Ceelex) (s) (5259)

8.30pm Goodnight Sweetheart. Gary's fictional job with Ron may cover his trips back in time to 1941, but it's not much help when both Yvonne and Phoebe expect him for dinner on the same evening (i) (Ceelex) (s) (7024)

9.00pm News (Ceelex), regional news and weather (8734)

9.30pm The Office. A profile of extraordinary women who have made it to the top in the tough world of law enforcement (Ceelex) (s) (888483)

10.20pm Today at Wimbledon. Sue Barker introduces highlights of ladies' quarter-finals day from the All England Club (Ceelex) (s) (935555)

11.25pm False Arrest. The concluding part of a woman's fight to prove her innocence. After a mild heart attack has placed her husband in hospital, Joyce begins to suspect her spouse's involvement in the death of his partner With Donna Mills, Robert Wagner, Steven Bauer, Lane Smith, Dennis Christopher and Lewis Van Bergen (i) (Ceelex) (s) (61747)

12.55am Weather (5129883)

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British No 1 shrugs off delays to reach last eight with straight-sets win

Henman gives no quarter to end long wait

BY DAVID MILLER

TIM HENMAN swept to the quarter-finals of the men's singles at Wimbledon yesterday, keeping his concentration despite four interruptions for rain, and raising the status of British tennis to new heights. In a match punctuated with outstanding winners, he defeated Magnus Gustafsson in straight sets, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, becoming the first Briton to reach the last eight since Roger Taylor in 1973.

Here was another supreme display of assurance by the 21-year-old from Oxford. Repeatedly, his match temperament on key points brought the spectators to their feet, hitting a range of perfectly-judged shots from all parts of the court. It was a thankless task for his opponent never mind that he is ranked 25 places above Henman at No 37.

There were times when Gustafsson's forehead return of service halted his young rival, leaving the Centre Court crowd with heart in mouth: notably when Henman served for the match leading 6-5 in the third set, only to make his first series of misjudgments of the match. He surrendered that service to go 6-6 but then splendidly redeemed himself by taking the tie-break, and thus the match, by seven points to four, taking another stride in the finest tournament he has yet played.

Praise for Henman comes from all quarters. Budge Patty, champion of the Fifties, said yesterday: "Henman has all the strokes, he looks very competent." Stan Smith called him "a genuine talent", while Tony Roche, the famous Australian left-hander said: "If he keeps working like he has in the past 12 months, who knows what he can do."

The weather has been relentless in the way it has disrupted Henman's play over

the two weeks. When the two players returned on court at 6.20pm for the fifth time, they had at that stage played a bare 40 minutes. Twice, including their first attempt at play, there had not been a point scored, twice they had played briefly, only to be halted. When rain sent them back to the dressing-room for the fourth time at 5.09pm for

Gustafsson led 5-3 in the third set, and now Henman truly showed his class. Two superb games, breaking service, saw him lead 6-5, and though there was then a momentary faltering, his service throw out of synchronisation, he continued the euphoria of this British summer of sport.

While spectators spent most of the afternoon taking cover from the rain, the unfortunate Martina Hingis needed protection from Steffi Graf. There was not any to be had, given Graf's mood, intent on revenge for the defeat which the 15-year-old prodigy had inflicted on her at the Italian Open earlier in the season. Graf is something of an enigma. She can seem the gentlest and most sensitive of souls. When she means business out on the tennis court, however, beware.

She raced through the first set in no time at all, 6-1, and hard though Hingis tried to pin her down at the back of the court by constantly playing to Graf's backhand, it could only delay the outcome.

At times, as Graf's forehand thundered past her on both flanks, Hingis was reduced to a smile of resignation. Not that she wants to wait. I am sure, but her time will come. As Graf said afterwards, when questioned on the future of her talented opponent, and whether she sensed a developing rivalry in the years ahead: "I've mentioned so many times that she's got really a lot of talent, even if grass isn't her favourite surface. From the way she has been trying in the last few months, the way she has improved, there's definitely a chance in the near future she'll be getting closer to the top five."

How urgently that is needed. The top five so much of the time go almost unchallenged. Graf was curiously dismissive of the allegation made over the weekend by Martina Navratilova, that her injuries were a fake. "She's lucky she doesn't have to live with them," Graf said.

Now the sun shone at last. Henman served to 3-3, and took the set with another break for 5-4.



Photograph 1
Simon Barnes 40
In Arantxa's court 41



Goran Ivanisevic plays a forehand return to Patrick Rafter during their fourth round meeting yesterday

Kelly urges FA to enter bid for World Cup of 2006

BY JOHN GOODBODY

ENGLAND is preparing to bid to stage the 2006 World Cup finals. After the success of the European championship, the Football Association wants to host the 32-nation tournament for the first time since 1966.

Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, said yesterday: "This is the logical next step. Nobody can question any longer England's ability to stage the biggest sports events in the world." Kelly is to urge the FA to make an official bid to match one being presented by Germany, who last staged the tournament in 1974. He has the backing of the Government, which is prepared to use National Lottery money to help improve the nine or ten stadiums needed for the competition.

Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, told the House of Commons yesterday that ministers would support the FA "in every way possible". She praised the "phenomenal success" of Euro 96, which was attended by more

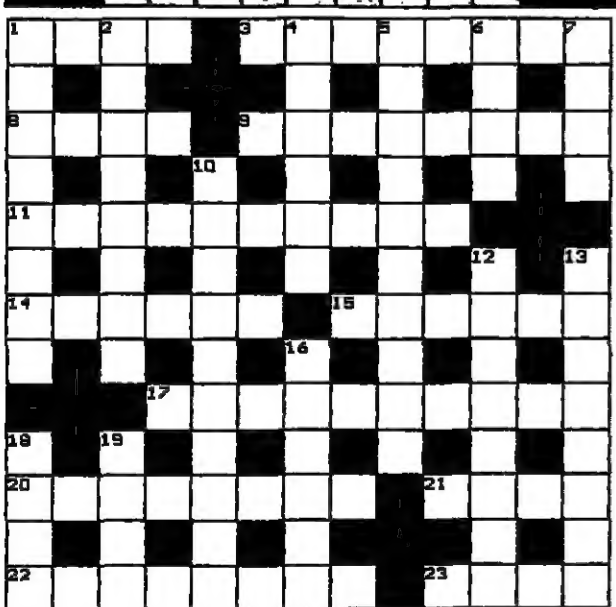
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than 1.3 million spectators and watched on television by an estimated six billion people worldwide. She said: "To have the World Cup would be a great triumph for Britain."

The FA is already considering whether it should make a joint-bid with the Scottish FA to co-host the competition. The 2000 European championship will be jointly staged by Holland and Belgium and the 2002 World Cup by Japan and South Korea. Glen Kinton, tournament director of Euro 96, said: "We will discuss it with our potential partners."

England agreed to withdraw its application to stage the 1998 World Cup, which will be held in France, in order to secure support for its candidature for Euro 96. A tournament in 2006 would also be able to use the new national stadium, whose location will be settled in the autumn. Wembley and Manchester are the two candidates. It will also be possible to use Old Trafford, which, by then, could have a seated capacity of more than 60,000. The decision will be made in 2000.

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Christie goes into extra time in attempt to secure golden goal

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

LAST YEAR, Linford Christie limped out of the world athletics championships with a torn hamstring. Now he is going to the Olympic Games with a twisted arm. In the end, there were too many forces working on Christie for him to see through his threat not to compete in Atlanta. Arm-twisting by Malcolm Arnold, Britain's head coach, was but one of them.

The list of reasons for his decision, which he announced at a press conference in London yesterday, was almost as long as a print-out of his championship victories: duty to his country; public demand; the belief he can retain his 100 metres title; persuasion from his coach; encouragement from Frankie Fredericks, the Olympic medal-winning sprinter from Namibia with whom he trains; the temptation of one last fling; and, would you believe, Euro 96. "It made me feel proud to be British," Christie said, recalling how he had watched England's semi-final against Germany. His decision, he said, was not reached until Sunday, after much agonising and taking many factors into account. It had nothing to do, he insisted, with commercial incentives.

It would be comforting for British athletics to think that a Christie victory in Atlanta is as inevitable as seemed his decision to go. Realistically, however, he has a slim chance. He is not ranked among the top ten in the world in 1996 and, at 36, is the oldest of the probable contenders by six years. As his third place in Paris last Friday indicated, when he finished

within 0.02sec of Donovan Bailey and Bruny Surin, the first two home at the 1995 world championships, he can still trouble the best. However, that was with a reasonable start, which used to guarantee Christie victory over anybody except Carl Lewis.

Christie's decision, though, exemplifies the man. There is not an athlete in the world over the last ten years who has worn his national vest with greater pride, none in Europe who can match his achievements. Few would risk a second successive beating on the big stage - he was sixth, carrying an injured hamstring, at the world championships in Gothenburg last year - and know the sheen on his coat would not be dulled. It would have been absurd for him not to try.

Not that Christie sees himself as an underdog. Who did

he think was the athlete to beat? "Me," was his one-word, unequivocal, reply. He had been moved by letters from the public urging him to run and convinced by his form that he should.

"There is room in the final only for the confident and I am very confident about my chances," he said. "I am better than four years ago, more consistent." His times so far this season bear that out. "Age ain't nothing but a number," he said, exercising more patience than usual over a question relating to his advancing years. "Age ain't going to be a problem at all." He did, after all, defy preconceptions about age and sprinting when, at 32, he became the oldest winner of an Olympic 100 metres title.

Having decided to run the 100 and 200 metres, Christie also committed to the 4 x 100

metres on Sunday evening. "Malcolm Arnold twisted my arm last night," he said. Just like Ron Roddan, his personal coach, has been doing for some time. "Every time I go to retire, he says 'One more year,' " Christie said. But this year, he was adamant, is most certainly his last on the international circuit.

Would victory in Atlanta tempt him to stay? "No, no," he said. "Sometimes you push your luck. This year, I believe the reason I am performing so well is because I had it in mind I was not going to go. I have been left alone and able to enjoy athletics. Next year, I am going back to club athletics because it is enjoyable to run small meets without any pressure."

Just as Steve Backley's first javelin throws of the season, in his comeback from injury on Sunday, will have had an unsettling effect on the world leaders, so will Christie's announcement on the top sprinters, though only Ato Boldon, of Trinidad, who said he thought Christie would not compete, will be surprised. "I believe that, in the back of their minds, they were hoping I was not going to go," Christie said.

Many athletes of Christie's status will be staying in Atlanta's luxury hotels during the Games, but he will reside in the competitors' village. "I do not go for the superstar treatment," he said.

He would rather be calling for team effort than room service. Around the circuit, Christie has not always conducted himself like the perfect guest, but his spirit, professionalism and resilience on the track will be missed when he finally checks out.



Christie announces his Olympic decision yesterday

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